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Union Leaders Protest Rulings Of Price Board

Government's Latest Aid To The Profiteers Shows Need For Renewed Union Wage Fight

By Art Preis

The Price Decontrol Board's rulings have given another stiff jolt to the trade union leaders' policy of dependence on the capitalist government to prevent price rises. The government's latest aid to the profiteers and price-gougers has posed squarely the need of renewed struggle for higher wages.

CIO leaders, who had concentrated all their efforts to get a "roll-back" of prices, were compelled to denounce the Decontrol Board's rulings.

Philip Murray, CIO President, charged on August 21 that the Decontrol Board's decisions mean freeing 50 per cent of all food prices from any regulation. The Board, he said, has given a free hand to "speculators, greedy for profits, to push prices up."

John Thornton, Chairman of the CIO Cost-of-Living Committee, said that failure of the three-man Decontrol Board of bankers and businessmen to reinstitute price ceilings for dairy products and grains will bring "greater inflation to the American people."

"Soaring grain prices," he said, "will pull up the price of all products dependent on grain, such as flour, pork, milk and similar products."

POLICY BANKRUPT

It is clear from the CIO leaders' own admissions that their policy of relying on the Big Business government to "control" prices is bankrupt.

Yet, neither they nor the AFL leaders propose any real campaign of union action to win higher wages to protect the workers' standard of living from soaring prices.

The CIO leaders pay lip service to the "need for immediate wage increases." They propose nothing to win pay raises but an appeal to Truman to call another farcical labor-employer conference.

As for the AFL tops, their policy is best shown by the recent radio statement of Robert J. Watt, AFL representative on the National Wage Stabilization board. Watt called on American workers — his statement is published approvingly in the AFL **Weekly News Service**, August 6 — "to tighten their belts and work harder than ever before."

(More On Union Wage-Price Policy, See page 2).

Marines Resent Wall Street Role In Chinese War

United States Marines held in bleak northern China to guard British-controlled properties want to come home. **N. Y. Times** correspondent Benjamin Welles, writing from Tientsin, August 17, reports:

"I found that United States Marines, from senior officers down to privates, do not understand why the corps is in China. None wishes to see the Marines remain."

The lives of these men are in constant danger. "Not a night passes along the railway without shootings and minor skirmishing," Welles adds in an August 18 dispatch.

"All echelons of Marines out here say their presence is definitely assisting the Central Government against the Communists."

Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, speaking at a mass meeting of veterans in Alamo, Tennessee, August 19, added his voice to that of the protesting Marines in China. He declared that "Wall Street interests . . . want to see a certain government maintained in China so that they can get many returns from their commitments."

Carlson concluded: "There is no reason why we should not pull U. S. Marines out of China."

The August 24 **Army and Navy Bulletin**, however, opposes any withdrawal: "The Marines are in China because of the predatory policy of Soviet Russia."

This means that Wall Street wants the Marines held in China not only to bolster Chiang Kai-shek's despotic regime, but also to prepare for a thrust against the Soviet Union in the Third World War.

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Decontrol Board's Decisions Pave Way For Higher Prices

The Price Decontrol Board, composed of two bankers and an industrialist, on August 20 released its widely-awaited decision on five basic food commodities; meat, cottonseed and soybeans, grains, milk and dairy products. Of these, only meat, cottonseed and soybeans will go back under ceilings — but with major concessions to the price-gougers. Dairy products and grains, despite their soaring prices, will remain uncontrolled.

Immediately after this announcement, the OPA raised prices on fats and oils. It postponed the setting of meat ceilings to September 9, with the avowed intention of allowing dealers "to sell off the meats they have acquired at above-ceiling prices."

PACKERS THREATEN

While workers' families are being forced to pay top prices for meat still on the market, the meat packers are brazenly proclaiming their defiance of future controls. They threaten to divert supplies to the black market, as they did under the former OPA. And "they expect the pickings to be better than ever," as one New York meat dealer proclaimed.

George A. Eastwood, president of Armour & Co., threatened: "We can look forward only to a return of erratic meat distribution, of black markets. In Omaha, Stockyards President Harry B. Coffee, tried to pass the buck to "producers and feeders" who "won't sell their cattle at ceiling prices." In Washington, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce opined that the decision "unquestionably will reduce the meat supply." In short, the meat barons threaten another meat famine.

Not that the profits of the meat packers are endangered! Far from it. Government subsidies, which went out with the OPA on June 30, are being restored. These will be paid by the consumers in taxes. In addition, price ceiling increases over June 30 are in preparation on beef, pork, veal and lamb.

"We have been promised some price modifications," Benjamin Rosen, preident of the National Meat Industry Counsel, announced on August 22.

PRICES GOING UP

On August 24, beef prices were "expected to be one to two cents higher than June 30 and lamb six to seven cents a pound higher," OPA officials intimated. As for pork, Price Administrator Porter is sponsoring a price-hike of about $1.50 a hundredweight at the stockyards, while Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson wants to hand out double that amount.

Meanwhile, average food prices have skyrocketed one-third since June 30, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics which is notorious for understating the actual increases in living costs.

Hot Reception For Fascists In Minneapolis

Part of the united labor picket line in Minneapolis which demonstrated against Gerald L. K. Smith's fascist rally and then routed Smith and his gang in a pitched battle inside the Leamington Hotel on August 21. Participants in the picket line included members of the AFL, CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods, Negro, Jewish and veterans' groups and working class political parties, including the Socialist Workers Party. (More pictures: See pages 2 and 6).

Workers Rout G.L.K. Smith; Shout, "No Fascism Here!"

By Barbara Bruce

(Special to The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 22—A united labor movement stopped Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith from speaking last night in Minneapolis. More than 1,500 pickets from AFL, CIO and Railroad unions, along with members of veterans, Jewish, Negro and working class political organizations, including the Socialist Workers Party, rallied in a fighting mass demonstration against America's No. 1 fascist leader.

When Smith's goons assaulted several pickets outside the fascists' meeting place at the Leamington Hotel, the aroused workers stormed the meeting hall and routed Smith and his followers in a pitched battle.

Smith's talk was originally booked for the Hennepin County Republican club rooms at 703 Third Avenue South. Long before meeting time, an organized picket line was formed under the direction of Walter Frank, secretary of AFL Lathers Union, No. 190, and representative of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, who acted as picket captain.

Assistant picket captains were Henry A. Schultz, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge 102, and Earl Cluka, financial secretary of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, representing the Hennepin County CIO Council.

"STOP FASCISM!"

Scores of banners carried by the pickets had been distributed by the united labor committee. They carried such slogans as: "Race Hatred is Fascism;" "Stop Fascism and G. L. K. Smith;" "Don't Be A Sucker For Fascists;" "Don't Support Hitler's Agent—Keep Away." By agreement of the committee in charge, each organization carried only one placard.

Among the organizations carrying their own banners were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Workers Defense League; the Minneapolis AFL Central Labor Union; the Minneapolis AFL Building Trades Council; the American Veterans' Committee; the American Youth for Democracy; the Socialist Workers Party; the Communist Party;

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GRACE CARLSON

Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senate who played leading role in Minneapolis labor struggle against Fascist G. L. K. Smith.

"Big 4" Meat Packers Receive Strike Notices

(Special to The Militant)

CHICAGO, Aug. 24—The CIO United Packinghouse Workers of America has filed formal strike notice upon the "Big Four" of the meat packing industry—Armour, Wilson, Swift and Cudahy.

This 30-day notice to the profiteering meat barons paves the way for a possible industry-wide strike, like that of last January, if the wage demands of the union in current negotiations are not met by September 23.

In addition to demanding a $1 an hour minimum wage, elimination of North and South wage differentials and a guaranteed annual wage, the UPWA is the first union to seek an adjustable cost-of-living bonus to meet every increase in the rising cost of living. This demand is being adopted by other unions.

Announcement of the filing of the strike notices was made yesterday by UPWA President Ralph Helstein. He said it is a formal step taken under the Smith-Connally Act.

The companies have countered union demands with union-busting proposals to eliminate all union security clauses.

Mississippi Lynch Posse Seizes 14 Negroes In Savage Man-Hunt

Legalized lynch gangs, led by police and deputies, are extending the reign of Jim-Crow terror and murders unleashed by the Southern white ruling class and its political agents like Talmadge, Bilbo and Rankin.

A Mississippi lynch "posse" of 300 race-hating whites, headed by county sheriffs, deputies and state police, early last week were combing the desolate swamplands near Magee with baying packs of bloodhounds.

Their prey were 17 Negro men, women and children who had fled for their lives to hide out from a fresh lynch assault.

The savage man-hunt, recalling the days when the slavemasters tracked down escaped slaves, ended on August 21 when 14 Negroes were rounded up and confined in three Mississippi jails. The present fate of these Negro victims is unknown. Not even reporters have been permitted to see them. One of the victims is John Craft, 22, a Marine veteran.

The man - hunt began on August 18 after deputies and state police went to the Craft family's home to "investigate" an alleged dispute between Negroes and a white motorist on a highway nearby. The officers claimed they were "ambushed" and four whites shot.

In the lynch atmosphere, the Craft family and their neighbors, the Hubbards and Coopers, fled into the nearby swamp. L. T. Hubbard was first to be captured, after he was shot. Another Negro, who disappeared, is believed killed.

Now it is revealed that the four white men may have been wounded by other whites. The August 24 Jackson, Miss., **Clarion-Ledger** reports the possibility that the shootings resulted from "a smoldering feud between white families" in thickly-wooded Sullivan's Hollow, where the Negroes also lived.

(See Picture on Page 5)

Fear Silences Lynch Witnesses In Georgia Case

Despite more than $40,000 in rewards offered for information on 30 white lynchers who murdered two Negro couples in Walton County, Georgia, on July 25, government failure to assure protection to witnesses has sealed the lips of Negro sharecroppers and poor whites.

Fear has already driven several important witnesses from Walton County, including Mrs. Dora Malcolm, grandmother of Roger Malcolm, one of the lynch victims and his 19-year-old sister.

HUSH-HUSH POLICY

Walton County residents in the poor sections are not even being told about the rewards. Not a single notice has been posted. A local policeman boasted that local authorities are not working on the case. More than 30 FBI men sent into the area have maintained a hush-hush policy.

Members of a white lynch mob who murdered John C. Jones, war veteran, in Minden, Louisiana last week, were reported on their way to a Texas town to seize the only eye-witness of the crime, 17-year-old Albert Harris.

Harris was also shot by the lynch gang, but feigned death until they left the scene. It is reported that he boarded a bus out of Minden. When the bus arrived in Texas, about 200 miles away from Minden, Harris was not on it.

(More Lynchings Reported, See Page 6).

IN THE NEWS

There Is No Peace At "Peace" Parley

PARIS, Aug. 16 — "I don't know if diplomats are ever disillusioned." a gloomy member of the British Commonwealth peace delegation said today, "but if this peace conference doesn't disillusion 'em they can't be disillusioned."

Then he added as an afterthought: "This is like no peace conference I ever heard about—in fact, I sometimes wonder if it's really a peace conference." —Associated Press.

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Bottom Drops Out Of UN Conference

In an effort to put pressure on 2,500 strikers at the Kroehler Mfg. Co. in Naperville, Ill., the company claims it will not be able to deliver 1,858 upholstered chairs for the new headquarters in Flushing, N. Y., of the United Nations General Assembly when it meets in September.

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Forced to Scab, Can't Collect Pay

Army troops were forced to drive scab trucks in the Chicago truck-drivers' strike of May-June, 1945. Last week the Illinois Motor Truck Operators Assn. challenged a government claim for payment of wages due soldiers used as drivers during the strike.

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Might Rub Polish Off The Big Brass

General Jonathan M. Wainwright on August 20 said he does not believe in "too much democracy" in the Army. "No one feels more kindly to the enlisted soldiers than I," he claimed, "but I do not believe in mixing too freely on terms of social equality."

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Not "Bad Taste" To Drop Them, Though

The American delegation at Paris declined "for obvious reasons" to sponsor a special "peace" conference showing of newsreels on the Bikini atom bomb displays. Previous showing of films of effect of Hiroshima bombing had brought complaints of "saber rattling" and "bad taste."

"Silent Parade" In Bay City Protests Against Lynchings

By Russell Morgan

(Special to The Militant)

SAN FRANCISCO — Solemn-faced pall bearers marching to the roll of muffled drums and carrying shrouded caskets symbolizing the death of "Freedom, Equality, Justice and Democracy," on August 11 led a "silent parade" of 5,000 Negro and white workers in protest against lynch terror in the South.

The protest was sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Among the organizations that marched were the CIO National Maritime Union; Ship-Scalers and Painters Union; CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards; AFL Miscellaneous Employees Union; CIO Longshoremen's Local 10; Socialist Workers Party; Communist Party and American Veterans Committee.

Bare-headed marchers, wearing black arm-bands, carried placards bearing such inscriptions as "Death to Georgia Lynchers," "Lynch Law is Fascist Law," "Save America from the KKK," and "Today Negro—Tomorrow You."

BRASS INTERVENES

An ominous note was struck by the military Brass Hats at the outset of the parade. Shore patrolmen removed four Negro navy enlisted men. It was learned later they were taken to Shore Patrol headquarters where they were lectured by a navy officer.

Richard Goggin, executive secretary of the San Francisco Area Council of the American Veterans' Committee, investigated this outrage. He was informed by a chief petty officer in charge of Shore Patrol that he "was acting on orders from the 12th Naval District." Goggin also said he saw shore patrolmen eject a WAC and five or six soldiers from the line-up as the parade was forming early in the afternoon. These included three AVC members, he said.

The march went up Market Street to San Francisco Civic Center, where demonstrators assembled in the plaza before the steps of the City Hall.

Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, chairman of the memorial service and vice president of the local NAACP, condemned the do-nothing policy of Washington. He said, "It is obvious that we cannot look to Washington for leadership in building democracy. We, the little people, regardless of race, color, or creed must build a movement which will fight for the equality of all."

SWP SUPPORT

Erwin Elber, trade union director of the California Labor School, said, "You have only two choices in this fight against fascist terror. You can be terrorized or you can fight." He stated further that "these lynchings are manifestations of a south that is beginning to stir as a result of economic and political trends —Negroes are demanding the right to vote. Labor, both black and white, is beginning to organize. These are the reasons why the KKK is rising to fight the little people."

The Socialist Workers Party was successful in mobilizing enthusiastic support among its many **Militant** readers. SWP leaflets were distributed and literature was sold.

Cable To Bulgaria Demands Jailed Trotskyist Be Freed

Leading spokesmen of American civil liberties organizations joined with prominent labor figures on August 26 in sending a cabled protest to the Bulgarian government against the arrest and imprisonment of Dr. Dimiter Gatchev, Bulgarian Trotskyist leader, and demanding his immediate release.

Signatories of the message were: Liston Oak, editor of the **New Leader**; Morris Milgram, chairman, Workers Defense League; Norman Thomas, Socialist Party; Farrell Dobbs, editor of **The Militant**; Herman Frank, editor of the **Freier Arbeiter Stimme**; E. R. Frank, editor of **Fourth International**; Herman Singer, editor of **The Call**; H. Rogof, editor of the **Jewish Daily Forward**; Max Schachtman, editor of **New International**; Benjamin Gebiner, secretary-treasurer, Workmen's Circle; Emanuel Garrett, editor of **Labor Action**.

The text of the cable, dispatched on August 26 to Bulgarian Prime Minister Georgiev and the Bulgarian Minister of Interior, with a copy to the Bulgarian political representative in Washington, D. C., is as follows:

"We protest the political arrest of Dr. Dimiter Gatchev, regional secretary of the Bulgarian League for the Rights of Man, and well-known member of the Fourth International. In the interests of the labor movement and the cause of civil liberties, we demand his immediate release."

Previous protests were cabled to the Bulgarian government by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, and Roger Baldwin, president of the American Civil Liberties Union and international chairman of the League for the Rights of Man.

Minneapolis Labor Pickets Smash Fascist Meeting, Drive G.L.K. Smith To Cover In Pitched Battle

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and the Minneapolis Jewish Action Committee.

Prominent in the picket line was the banner of the Socialist Workers Party proclaiming: "American Workers Do Not Want A Hitler — STOP Gerald L. K. Smith!"

MARCH THROUGH LOOP

A group of Smith's followers had gathered at the Third Avenue address, waiting for the door to be unlocked. Smith's secretary, Renata Legant, moved among the known Smith supporters in the crowd and told them to assemble in the ballroom of the Leamington Hotel.

When the picket captains gave the signal, the huge body of pickets marched down the street to the hotel three blocks away, singing "Solidarity Forever" and shouting "Down with the fascists!" As the picket line moved toward the hotel, the ranks swelled and the singing and shouting ecohed throughout the loop.

STORMING THE HALL

As the first pickets reached the hotel, some of the Smith goons attempted to break up the line. Several of the pickets were attacked and knocked to the sidewalk. When the attackers fled into the hotel, the pickets stormed in after them.

Surging through the lobby, the pickets were met by a knot of fascists who attempted to bar the way to the ballroom where the meeting was to be held. With a mighty push, the Smith supporters were brushed aside and the pickets plunged on like a great tidal wave toward the meeting hall.

Charging through a barricade of chairs which the fascists had thrown up to prevent the pickets from entering the hall, the shouting mass of labor anti-fascists made their way into the ballroom. In their frantic retreat, the fascists left broken chairs, tables, lamps and mirrors in their wake. Dozens of Smith's supporters fled through the windows. Those remaining in the hall scuttled to one corner of the room and huddled there.

WORKERS TAKE OVER

At the call of the picket captain, Walter Frank, all the pickets were seated. Frank's announcement that no Smith meeting would be held was greeted with resounding cheers. He reported that the hotel manager had refused to let Smith's meeting take place and ordered the fascists out, since the ballroom had been obtained under false pretenses. One of Smith's followers had rented the hall in the name of the "Northwest Pioneers."

The assembled pickets were then instructed to march in a body to the Minneapolis courthouse where an anti-fascist rally would be held. A rearguard of pickets was left at the hotel to see that instructions of the manager were carried out.

Smith came out of hiding only after the pickets left. He attempted to hold a meeting in the hotel lobby but only a handful of people remained. In one of his usual attacks on the labor movement and minorities, Smith declared to his followers that the demonstration was the work of "Jewish terrorists and Communists."

VICTORY MEETING

Following their captains' orders, the pickets marched to the courthouse, still singing, and chanting "Down with Smith!" Hundreds of workers, white and Negro, Jewish and gentile, Protestant and Catholic, along with veterans and students, poured into the hall. Here they cheered their picket captains who praised the conduct of pickets throughout the demonstration and their magnificent defense against the fascist attackers.

When Frank concluded a stirring address by stating that "the CIO, AFL, railroad brotherhoods, and independent unions must join forces in a common struggle against reaction in America," the hall rang with applause.

Others who spoke were Milton Siegel, Field Representative and Vice-President, District 2, of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers; Henry A. Schultz, spokesman for Lodge 102, Railroad Trainmen; Henry Piper, associate editor of **Labor Review**, official organ of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union; and Jerrold Stoll, American Veterans' Committee representative. The meeting closed with a pledge to continue the organized fight against fascism in America. The crowd left singing "Solidarity."

GREAT TRADITION LIVES

This inspiring anti-fascist labor battle shows that the great tradition of working-class solidarity and militancy, built in Minneapolis during the thirties by the famous Minneapolis Drivers Local 544, is still alive. The spirit of labor struggle that the Roosevelt administration and AFL Teamsters President Tobin tried to crush during the war by the imprisonment of the Trotskyist leaders of Local 544, has survived.

Those leaders, like Vincent R. Dunn, played a prominent role in last night's anti-fascist fight.

In the 1941 Minneapolis Labor Trial, the basis of one charge against him and the other 17 defendants was their advocacy of union defense guards to defend labor meetings from fascist attacks.

A Fitting Memorial To Leon Trotsky

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 22—Members and friends of the Socialist Workers Party here and in St. Paul last night paid fitting tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky, great Bolshevik leader who died August 21, 1940, by organized participation in the militant anti-fascist picket line that routed fascist G. L. K. Smith and his goons.

A Twin Cities Trotsky Memorial Meeting had been planned for the evening of August 21 before it was known that Smith would try to speak here. The SWP branches promptly cancelled their meeting and converted their Trotsky memorial into a fighting anti-fascist action.

Members and friends of the party were notified of the meeting cancellation and urged to participate instead in the united labor anti-Smith demonstration. A notice to this effect appeared in the Twin Cities papers.

IN FOREFRONT

Early yesterday evening a large group gathered at the Minneapolis SWP headquarters. They marched in a body to the picket line bearing the party's banner. They were in the forefront of the battle that drove the fascists to cover.

After the demonstration, the group — including a number of new friends — returned to the SWP headquarters for refreshment and a brief meeting.

The gathering sent a telegram of greetings and solidarity to Trotsky's widow, Natalia. It was signed for the meeting by Warren Creel, SWP candidate for Congressman from the 3rd District, who was scheduled as chairman for the originally-planned meeting.

As an appropriate climax to the day's events, five workers signed applications for membership in the party.

After They Routed The Fascists

In the front row of pickets who assembled at the court house in Minneapolis after they routed fascist G. L. K. Smith, were the Trotskyist candidates in the forthcoming elections: Grace Carlson, candidate for Senator, fourth from left; and Dorothy Schultz, candidate for Congress, fifth from left. Next to Grace Carlson is V. R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party national labor secretary. All were in the forefront of the anti-fascist struggle against Smith.

How Anti-Fascist Demonstration Was Organized In Minneapolis

By Barbara Bruce

(Special To The Militant)

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 22—The inspiring united labor anti-fascist demonstration that routed Gerald L. K. Smith's fascist rally here last night provided a real test of the different policies for fighting fascism advocated in the labor movement.

This demonstration was successfully organized despite efforts of the Communist (Stalinist) Party, which came to the aid of conservative members of the Jewish organizations in trying to prevent any kind of picket line.

In a so-called united front meeting on August 15, sponsored by Samuel L. Scheiner, secretary of the Minnesota Jewish Council, an attempt was made to put over a policy of "silent treatment" of Smith. Arguments for this do-nothing policy were made by Scheiner, representatives of the Round Table of Christians and Jews, the Mayor's Council on Human Realtions, the Governor's Inter-Racial Commission, and the Urban League.

Grace Carlson and Elaine Roseland, Socialist Workers Party representatives at the meeting, led the attack against this policy and called for a vigorous mass demonstration against Smith.

Grace Carlson is a candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota on the SWP ticket. She was one of the 18 SWP leaders who were imprisoned during the war for their anti-fascist and revolutionary socialist views.

Communist Party representatives, Martin Maki and Sam Davis, who admitted that they spoke for the CP and pretended to speak for the CIO movement, expressed themselves in favor of the "silent treatment." These Stalinists insisted that the most important issue was that "Communist Party representatives can sit down in the same room with the Republican party." SWP delegates were denounced as "disrupters" for urging that a picket line be organized.

In an attempt to put a straitjacket upon those pushing for militant anti-fascist action, Talmadge Carey, a stooge of Republican Governor Thye, moved that those present be bound by "unit rule." The meeting broke up, however, when the SWP spokesmen, joined by representatives of the Workers Defense League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), refused to allow 11 people to stifle the anti-fascist sentiments of the working masses of Minneapolis.

A resolution calling for a mass picket line was adopted by Lodge 102 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on August 18. Publicity given in the daily press to this action of the Railway Trainmen smashed the conspiracy of silence.

At a follow-up meeting held on August 19, the united front was bolstered by representatives of AFL, CIO and Railroad unions. Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party labor secretary, read the party's printed leaflet calling upon the labor movement to demonstrate against Smith.

The SWP leaflet declared that "Smith's Road Leads to Fascism! Because . . . like Hitler, Mussolini, Bilbo, Rankin and their kind, he uses prejudice and totalitarian methods against human rights and democratic liberties . . . Rats—even small rats —carry plague. The spread of the fascist plague must be halted. It would be criminal to underestimate the danger."

Many others also denounced the policy of "silent treatment" and delegates present voted for a mass picket line by an overwhelming majority.

Instructions given by the united front grouping to issue leaflets in the name of all participating organizations were violated by the Stalinists, who announced the following day that the name of the Communist Party could not appear on a leaflet with the name of the Socialist Workers Party. The Minnesota Jewish Council, the Mayor's Council for Human Relations and other such organizations also refused to sign the leaflet.

Despite this disgraceful sabotage, Walter Frank, speaking for the Minneapolis AFL Central Labor Union, was able to obtain considerable publicity in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers on the day of the demonstration when he called for mass picketing of the Smith meeting. Hundreds of trade unionists were brought to the picket line by the publicity in the August 21 Minneapolis **Morning Tribune**, under the headline: "LABOR TO PICKET SMITH TALK."

On Thursday morning, Hubert Humphrey, so - called "labor" mayor of Minneapolis, denounced the demonstration and those in charge of its organization. In so doing, he condemned the very people—AFL, CIO and Railroad Union leaders — who organized the campaign to elect him to office just a year ago. In an offical statement, Humphrey said the demonstration was "disorderly" and "ill-advised."

Minneapolis labor militants, mindful of what happened to the German and Italian workers when their leaders advised the "silent treatment" for the Nazis and Fascists, didn't agree with Humphrey. Their correct slogan is: "Smash The Fascists, Before The Fascists Smash Us!"

Chrysler Workers File Notice To Reopen Wage Negotiations

(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Aug. 21—Norman R. Matthews, director of the Chrysler Division of the CIO United Automobile Workers, yesterday sent the corporation a letter containing the formal demand of some 85,000 Chrysler workers for reopening of the wage contract within 60 days.

This is the first formal move of the auto workers to secure higher wages to offset the steep rise in prices that wiped out wage gains won last spring.

Authorization for the Chrysler locals to reopen wage contracts was granted two weeks ago by the UAW International Executive Board. The authorization excluded the Ford and General Motors workers, whose contracts have no 60-day-notice renegotiation clause.

No specific wage demands were stated in Matthews' letter. The Chrysler locals have endorsed the proposal for a cost-of-living bonus, adjustable upward with price rises, to be added to the regular wage rates. A similar proposal has been made by the 80,000-member Ford Local 600.

Matthews' letter to Chrysler corporation said: "Drastic wage cuts which rising prices have imposed on the hourly-rated and salaried Chrysler employes leave them with no other alternative than to hereby serve notice on the corporation of their desire to reopen the matter of a general wage increase."

The UAW top leaders apparently do not intend a really serious campaign for higher wages, despite their approval of the Chrysler action. They intended this move primarily as pressure on the government to "roll back" prices.

Up to now, the UAW leaders, along with the CIO leadership generally, have placed their emphasis on efforts to get the Big Business government to "control" prices. This has been supplemented by so-called "buyers' strikes" which have proved futile.

Decisions of the Price Decontrol Board last week have further disillusioned the auto workers about relying on the capitalist government to regulate prices in the interests of the workers. The pressure of the ranks for a real campaign for higher wages is expected to grow very rapidly.

Big RCA Local Urges Formation Of Labor Party

By James Dolan

(Special to The Militant)

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 13—CIO United Electrical Workers Local 103, with over 6,000 members in the big Radio Corporation of America plant here, today went on record for the establishment of an independent labor party.

The resolution, introduced by the Local 103 Political Action Committee, will be submitted to the UE international convention in Milwaukee next month. The committee is headed by Arthur Wolfe.

Local 103 voted by overwhelming majority "that we want an independent labor party NOW" and that "PAC be reconstituted at once, with full and equal rights to the entire trade union movement, into an active independent labor party supporting only its own worker candidates." The local's delegates are instructed to fight for the resolution at the coming UE conventions.

TIME TO ACT

Pointing to the record of Wall Street's parties, the Republicans and Democrats, in attacking labor and its living standards, the resolution says that the workers' problems "can be remedied only by political action which lies within the disciplinary control of the working people through their own organizations—not by further faith in the parties of the very employers whose interests are diametrically opposed to ours."

The resolution attacks as a "lame excuse" the arguments of labor leaders who say "the time is not ripe" for a labor party. "We are disgusted with our own leaders who keep finding alibis for postponing the break with both boss parties," says the resolution.

Fascist Smith

Routed by workers

Fish Cannery Union Votes San Diego Strike

By Jerome Williams

(Special to The Militant)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 20—A militant meeting of 1,200 members of the AFL Cannery Workers and Fishermen's Union here voted to go on strike Friday, August 23, unless the tuna fish companies agree to an immediate general 20 per cent wage increase.

Negotiations were opened over a month ago when the union demanded a 30 per cent pay increase and a sliding scale of wages — an escalator clause to meet further rises in the cost of living. The companies then contemptuously offered only a four per cent raise.

This was rejected by a membership meeting two weeks ago. The union made a reduced demand for a 25 per cent raise. This was first met by the companies with silence. When AFL legal counsel informed the union that it could strike without violating its contract, the companies raised their offer to 10 per cent —but nothing on piece rates. A majority of tuna canneries workers are on piece rates.

Tonight's meeting of aroused workers, including many militant Mexican, Portuguese and Italian workers who spoke in their native tongues, rejected the latest miserable offer of the bosses. They voted for strike and set up a Strike Committee.

An angry demonstration was provoked when one woman, known to be a Stalinist, suggested that the union accept the companies' offer of only 10 per cent.

Union Leaders Continue Stall On Wage Fight

By Art Preis

Despite their protests against the Price Decontrol Board's rulings, the union leaders are apparently determined to continue their policy of stalling or openly opposing any fight on the wage front.

The reaction of the AFL top leaders to the Decontrol Board's rulings was stated by Robert J. Watt, AFL member on the Wage Stabilization Board, in an AFL radio program on August 24. He complained that "the price squeeze is aggrayated by the government's rigid freeze of wages" and that "the AFL has become completely disillusioned with bureaucratic control of prices and wages."

"TIGHTEN BELTS"

He said: "We look forward anxiously to the day when such controls can be wiped out entirely." Until then, however, the AFL leaders advise the workers only to work harder until "supply meets demand." In a previous broadcast, Watt had told the workers to "tighten their belts." and he had echoed the standard propaganda of the employers that a fight for higher wages "would only delay production further and at the same time accelerate inflation."

The CIO leaders, on the other hand, have vigorously condemned the view that the only way the workers can protect their standard of living is by working harder and turning out "more production" — and profits — for the corporations. They correctly charge that the employers have raised the hypocritical cry for "more production" to conceal the responsibility of the profiteers for the rising prices and to sweat even greater profits out of the workers through speed-up and longer hours.

The CIO leaders apparently look with more favor on demands for higher wages than the AFL leaders. The CIO tops have been under greater pressure from the ranks. Leading CIO unions, like the United Packinghouse Workers and United Automobile Workers, have raised new wage demands or are reopening wage contracts.

But the CIO leaders are putting forward no real program of union action on the wage front. They merely use the threat of new wage demands to put pressure on the government to "roll back" prices. The futility of this policy is once again demonstrated by the results it has attained in the CIO campaign to get the Price Decontrol Board to act in the interests of the workers and low-income consumers.

ANOTHER PLEA

The immediate reaction of the CIO leaders to the Decontrol Board's decisions was not to launch a campaign for wage increases — the only way the workers can protect their living standards. The August 21 statement of the CIO Cost-of-Living Committee indicated that the CIO leaders intend to direct another appeal to the Big Business-dominated Price Decontrol Board to "revise" its decisions of last week. At the same time, they are going to put even more emphasis on the ill-advised and misnamed "buyers' strikes."

These "buyers' strikes" — consumer boycotts — have petered out. Workers have barely enough income to get elementary necessities, food, clothing and shelter. They are buying less and less — not because they are on "strike" — but because they haven't the money. And as prices soar higher, they will "strike" even more — that is go without more necessities.

CORRECT COURSE

The duty of the trade unions is to fight to win more and more for the workers. The correct course is already being pointed out by the packinghouse workers, the Akron rubber workers, the auto workers. They are demanding a new type of wage agreement that will directly and immediately protect them against steadily mounting prices.

They are demanding various forms of the sliding scale of wages, automatically adjusted upward with every rise in the cost of living. The packinghouse workers, the Ford and Chrysler workers, are advancing the demand for an adjustable cost-of-living bonus on top of their regular wage rates. The Akron rubber workers, with the Goodrich Local taking the lead, are demanding the inclusion in all contracts of a rising-scale-of-wages escalator clause.

Prices Soar Higher As OPA Approves New Boosts Daily

Speeding up its work in behalf of profiteers and price-gougers, the Office of Price Administration last week granted price hikes on a whole new series of consumers' items. Heaped on top of price rises previously granted on thousands of items, the new price increases affect food, clothing, house furnishings, fuel and transportation.

Another deep slash in the food budget of the workers was made when the OPA granted price rises on all fats, oils and products made with oils. Butter, which is "decontrolled," went up one cent a pound, bringing the increase for the week to three cents. Shortenings, cooking oil, salad oil, margarine, mayonnaise, salad dressing are also higher in price.

Among other food items, the price of lamb was upped five cents a pound; three cents was added to a can of light tuna fish; one cent more for No. 2 cans of Italian pear-shaped tomatoes; half a cent more a pound for oranges. Prices of dried fruits are advanced 100 per cent. These include raisins, currants, prunes, apricots, figs, peaches and pears.

The conservative Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in its Mid-July survey that food prices have risen 80 per cent in 17 cities since 1939. In the month since that report was made, food items have steadily risen in price.

COTTON GOODS UP

The OPA also lifted price ceilings on cotton goods items; 20 per cent more on tablecloths, napkins and bedspreads; 5 per cent on cotton hosiery and anklets; 10 per cent for certain types of work clothing. Other items affected are handkerchiefs, cotton rope, twine, men's waterproofed cotton protective garments and some part-wool blankets. Advances in basic woolen and worsted fabrics will be announced by the OPA at the end of the month.

Auto parts are higher by 12 to 27 per cent. These affect engines and engine parts, fan belts, radiator hoses, anti-friction bearings, dump bodies, hoists and many other items. Prices are up 2½ per cent on tires for passenger cars, motorcycles, trucks and buses.

A price boost of 30 cents a ton for hard coal and coke, and 18 cents a ton for soft coal was authorized by OPA. Among heating items, consumers will pay one to three per cent more for compressor and condenser units, warm-air furnaces, brass plumbing and cast iron radiators. A 20 per cent increase in retail ceilings for radio replacement tubes is authorized.

Firestone Local In L. A. Votes For Rising Scale

By Dave Dreiser

(Special to The Militant)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19 — Firestone Local 100, CIO United Rubber Workers, on August 15 passed a resolution calling for a rising scale of wages to meet the rising cost of living.

The union hall was packed in the most enthusiastic and best-attended meeting in several months. The introduction of the rising-scale resolution was greeted with applause.

After several speakers from the floor spoke in favor of it, it was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The resolution will now go before the URWA national convention next month in San Francisco.

In accordance with its agreement with the "Big Four" rubber companies, the URW has already reopened wage negotiations. If the convention acts favorably, the union will fight for the escalator clause in the next "Big Four" contracts.

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ONE YEAR AFTER "V-J" DAY

Yenan Mobilizes For War; Wall Street Backs Chiang

By Li Fu-jen

The civil war in China, in which the Kuomintang government is fighting to retain power in face of nation-wide rebellion against its continued rule, entered a new phase on August 19 when the Yenan government ordered a full-scale mobilization of its forces to meet the stepped-up offensive which Chiang Kai-shek has launched against the areas under Stalinist control.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Despite the intensification and widening of the conflict, Stalinist negotiators are remaining in Nanking, the Kuomintang capital, endeavoring to reach an agreement with Chiang Kai-shek for the establishment of a coalition government and the institution of democratic reforms.

Wang Ping-nan, spokesman for the Yenan negotiators, declared that the Stalinists "have no desire to overthrow the (Kuomintang) government." The mobilization order issued by Yenan, he said, "was not a declaration of war. It was in no way a mobilization of troops, but merely a moral mobilization." All the Stalinists want, he said, is "unconditional peace and a resolution of all problems according to the decisions reached at the all-party conference last February."

WAR FOOTING

Nevertheless, the Yenan order placed all Stalinist-controlled areas on a war footing and warned city and village authorities in those areas to take "all necessary precautions" against air raids. It called for the pooling of all resources for war and the conservation of food. Also, as broadcast from the Stalinist radio station at Kalgan, in Inner Mongolia, the order "emphasized that not only troops but all of China's Communist population was being mobilized." (**United Press** dispatch, Aug. 19).

According to the latest estimates, the Stalinist-controlled areas now embrace a population of 130,000,000. Regular troops in these areas number 1,200,000, in addition to more than 2,000,000 guerrilla fighters under arms. Chiang Kai-shek's armies total some 8,000,000 men.

As a condition for forming a coalition government, Chiang Kai-shek demands that the Stalinists relinquish control of vital communications (railroad areas) in north China, that they "integrate their armies" with those of the Kuomintang, and "that the Communist Party change its policy of seizing power by military force and transform into a peaceful party." In other words —total capitulation.

CONFISCATE LAND

Under the stress of civil war, and feeling the need of widening their base of popular support, the Stalinists are resuming their long-abandoned policy of land confiscation in rural areas entered by their armed forces, according to reports which this writer has received from China. This policy, while winning for the Stalinists new allies among the peasantry, is widening the gulf between the Stalinists and the Kuomintang by arousing revolutionary class warfare in other rural areas of landlord-ridden China.

In mortal fear of working-class uprisings in the cities, Chiang Kai-shek is cracking down on the trade unions, newly-arisen since the defeat of Japan. A **United Press** dispatch from Shanghai on August 12 said that government agents and police seized the offices of the Chinese Association of Labor in Chungking, a workers' hospital and two welfare centers built for the CAL from a fund of more than $250,000 contributed by the CIO and AFL. Twenty officials of the CAL were arrested and held without charge. Similar seizures and arrests were made in Hankow and in Kwangsi Province.

APPEAL TO LABOR

Protesting these acts and appealing to world labor to come to the support of the Chinese labor movement, Chu Hsueh-fan, president of the CAL, declared: "Labor's existence is in danger. Free trade unionism is the object of attack everywhere. Liberal meetings are broken up and liberal leaders go in fear of their lives. Those who voice opposition to the government do so at grave risk."

Wall Street and its government continue to stand firmly on the side of the Kuomintang regime in its reactionary offensive against the Chinese masses. While actual American armed forces in China are small (some 20,000 Marines in North China), Chiang Kai-shek is being given unstinted material aid by the U. S. Speaking for Wall Street, which aims to turn China into a colony for exploitation and a base for war against the Soviet Union, the **N. Y. Times**, in an editorial on August 18, urged increased American military intervention.

"We must decide," the paper declared, "whether to appease the Russians and their Chinese allies or to confront them on the ground they have chosen to stage the world issue of Soviet imperialism . . . It hardly seems likely that we can submit to Soviet dominance in China or retreat from our commitments to that unhappy nation. A firm attitude on our part there may be the best hope for continued peace. We stand now on guard at the cross-roads of the Orient."

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Dutra Regime Suspends Press Of Brazil CP

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MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 16 — The Dutra government of Brazil yesterday ordered the suspension for 15 days of **Tribuna Popular**, organ of the Brazilian Communist (Stalinist) Party.

In reporting the action, an August 15 Reuter dispatch from Rio de Janeiro quoted the order as stating that the police will use the period of suspension to investigate the general activities of the party. Brazilian political observers believe the order for suspension forbodes a more decisive step, possibly complete banning of the Brazilian Stalinist party.

Minister of Justice for the Dutra regime said he had issued the order for the suspension of **Tribuna Popular** because of information furnished by the Brazilian Police. He made no mention of the nature of the information.

Although suspension of its paper is the most drastic legal measure taken by the Dutra government against the Stalinist party, which was legalized about a year ago, it follows a whole series of hostile police actions. Dutra's police have fired on Stalinists outdoor meetings and used force to break Stalinist-led strikes.

Despite these despotic actions and despite the well-known reactionary character of the Dutra regime, Carlos Prestes, head of the Brazilian Stalinist party, has repeatedly offered his party's support to President Dutra. Only a few months ago Prestes begged permission to stage demonstations supporting Dutra's regime as he had previously done for the Vargas dictatorship. This fawning servility to the reactionary Brazilian government is being repaid, as might have been expected, with repressive measures against the Brazilian Stalinist party.

British Gunfire Mows Down Indians In Calcutta "Riots"

By Larissa Reed

Another crime was chalked up on the bloody record of British imperialism in India, as Calcutta counted the enormous toll of dead and wounded in the four-day street battle in which Hindu and Moslem "rioters" were mowed down by British gunfire last week. This terrible bloodletting transcended the infamous Amritsar massacre in 1919, in which hundreds of Indians were killed in cold blood by British imperialist police.

An estimated 4,000 people were killed in Calcutta's streets over the four-day period, August 16-19, and many thousands more were injured. In the wake of the blood-bath, epidemics now threaten Calcutta's population of 2,000,000—equal to that of Detroit.

That the bulk of the casualties were caused by the British guardians of "law and order" and not by Hindu and Moslem "rioters" is proved by press reports that the latter were armed mostly with such weapons as soda water bottles, brickbats, knives and clubs. Firearms were almost exclusively in the hands of British troops and police.

FAMILIES SLAIN

Teeming monsoon rains beat down upon the strife-torn city as the conflict subsided. Sanitation squads and volunteer workers began clearing away piles of bodies from the streets. Whole families, including children, were butchered. Many of the bodies, lying in ponds and rivers, and in the streets, had been hideously torn by vultures. Hospitals were jammed with the wounded.

Smashed stores, burned buildings and looting account for property damage of millions of dollars. During the strife all transport stopped. Public services, including communications, were seriously hampered. Factories as well as homes went up in flames. Thousands of natives fled from the city, bearing their belongings away on their heads.

Many of the city's poor were without food for days, while fruits, vegetables and eggs rotted on railway platforms and in barred stores. Some food stocks were burned.

BRITISH "ORDER"

The British attempted to conceal their own role in the conflict. At the height of the clashes, on August 17, an India Office spokesman in London said that the "matter was one for Indians themselves to settle, although of course British troops would help to restore order."

Heavily-armed, steel-helmeted British troops were called out "in unknown numbers" to support the police, and opened fire "time and again." Infantrymen with fixed bayonets charged into groups. Trucks and jeeps carrying the forces of "law and order" skirted around piles of corpses in the streets, their vehicles covered with wire mesh. British planes flew over the seething city.

The massacre got under way on August 16, a day designated by the All-India Moslem League as "Direct Action Day" against the British Cabinet mission's plan for an interim government in India. The leaders of both the Congress Party and the Moslem League accepted the plan last month. On August 12 the Moslem League leaders withdrew their acceptance in a wrangle over cabinet posts and began preparations for mass rallies and demonstrations in favor of Pakistan, i.e., an independent Moslem state.

When these rallies and demonstrations began four days later, they quickly developed into clashes between Moslems and Hindus. The British were glad of the opportunity to subject both to a murderous blood-bath. Britain has a long record for sidetracking the wrath of the Indian people against its rule of oppression and exploitation. It encourages and often provokes communal strife in order to divide the ranks of its rebellious slaves, so that it may continue to rule over them.

In this divisive work the British are helped by the bourgeois leaders of both the Congress Party and the Moslem League. Instead of uniting the Indian masses for a struggle to the end against the imperialist oppressors, they seek to make deals with the latter. Their aim is not to free the Indian people, but to share in their exploitation with the British imperialists.

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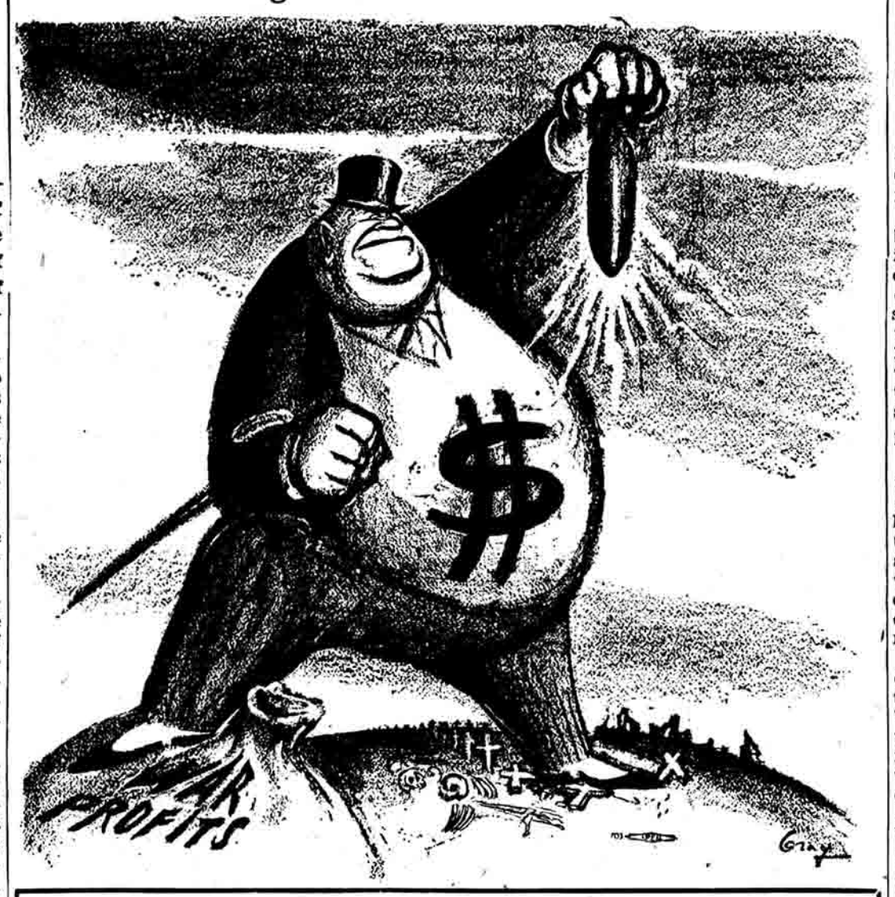

THERE IS NO PEACE!

One year ago, on September 1, the Japanese Government signed the articles of surrender that brought an end to the Second World War. But there has been no peace since then.

Today, on the first anniversary of the close of the most terrible slaughter in all history, the capitalist rulers are preparing a still worse slaughter. They are jockeying for position in a Third World War that can mean the end of civilization and even the extinction of mankind.

In China, Wall Street is feeding the flames of civil war. The Chinese people are gathering their forces to rid themselves of the hated, bloody, despotic regime of Chiang Kai-shek. But American imperialism wants to keep this dictator in power. Consequently Wall Street is throwing its vast financial, economic, and military power squarely behind Chiang Kai-shek in the ever-widening civil war.

In Yugoslavia, Wall Street has precipitated a crisis of such tenseness that in any previous decade it would have meant the outbreak of war. Why were American planes flying over distant Yugoslavia if not to provoke an "incident"? Such incidents are used by the war-mongers to whip up propaganda in preparation for war and for no other reason.

In Palestine, the Allied powers have deliberately torn up all the promises made the Jewish people. Instead of a land of their own, the Jewish immigrants have found only concentration camps. The crimes of Hitler against these people are being repeated by the Allies.

India is rumbling and seething like a volcano before it erupts. The Indian people want the freedom they were promised. They want to be rid of the hated foreign ruler. But the British maintain their troops in India in the face of the most bitter resentment and protest of the Indian people. Last week 4,000 victims were killed in Calcutta as the result of Britain's deliberate policy of divide and rule.

In Indonesia, Indo-China and Korea, the Allied powers have hurled all the instruments of modern warfare at these colonial peoples. The "crime" of these tens of millions of human beings was an attempt to gain their freedom. The "Four Freedoms" promised the peoples of the earth by the writers of the Atlantic Charter proved to be nothing but lying war propaganda.

In America itself, militarism is growing with mushroom speed. The Truman Administration is driving forward to convert all Latin America into a vast armed camp as part of the military might of Wall Street. American imperialism seeks permanent military bases in the Atlantic from Iceland to the Azores down to Brazil. In the Pacific, they seek military bases fanning from Australia through the Philippines to Korea.

The purpose of this unbridled militarism is to conquer the entire world for Wall Street — to conquer the Soviet Union and build an empire that will make the efforts of the Roman Caesars, of Napoleon, Hitler and the Mikado look like feeble amateur affairs.

The Paris " Peace" Conference and the United Nations are simply sounding boards on which the capitalist war-mongers magnify their provocations and propaganda against the prospective enemy — the USSR.

Already the capitalist press is filled with wild incitement for another war. "All hell could break loose at any minute," says the August 20 **N. Y. World-Telegram.** "This is a time to keep our powder dry."

And wide publicity was given atomic-bomb scientist Harold Urey when on August 18 he openly and brazenly advocated that the United States launch an immediate atomic war "before any other nation has atomic weapons."

In the year since V-J Day, the capitalist world has proved it has no other aim and no other perspective but a Third World War.

Full Story Of Bulgarian Trotskyist Arrests

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Aug. 16—The full story of the arrests of the Bulgarian Trotskyists by the Stalinist-dominated government in Sofia (reported in **The Militant** of July 6) has now been received here.

On June 13, during the night, our comrades Dr. Dimiter Gatchev and Dr. Mintho Telbizov had a visit from the "Communist" militias at their home in Plovdiv. Thorough searches were made. Pamphlets, issues of the Trotskyist paper **Communist Appeal**, letters, etc., were taken away. The comrades were arrested.

For three days the comrades were held in the cellars of the Inspection of the Regional Militias at Plovdiv. On June 16 they were brought by railway to Nord-est. They are now being held in the village of Dulovo, between Toutracan and Silistra (Dobrudja). Their precise whereabouts are kept strictly secret.

On June 17 the militias continued their arrests of our comrades. In Plovdiv, Comrade Liliana Pirintchieva has been arrested. Other arrests are expected.

The militias use the fact that the fascist reaction is reorganizing itself and preparing for a coup d'etat as a pretext to smash the Trotskyist movement—a movement which day by day has drawn the attention of the workers and revolutionary elements in the Stalinist party to this fact.

During the last months our Bulgarian party has carried out a very great activity. It launched, through its paper and public demonstrations, the slogan of a "Workers and Peasants Government" and appealed energetically to the Bulgarian Workers Party (Stalinist) for a united front against reaction.

Dimiter Gatchev

Dimiter Gatchev, 46 years old, was a student in Germany and a member of the Spartakus Bund from 1921 to 1923. In 1924 he was sent by the Comintern to reorganize the Bulgarian Communist Party, which had suffered defeat in 1923.

Gatchev went to Bulgaria and worked there illegally for the restoration of the CPB. At the time of the new fascist repression in 1925 he was leader of the military organization of the CPB. Together with many other militants he was condemned to death after being terribly tortured. It was the period of the Tzankoff dictatorship.

Gatchev remained in prison until 1932 when he was released under an amnesty which opened the prison gates for the Communists. Since then he has been arrested several times and placed in prison for his Communist activities.

During the German occupation of Bulgaria he followed a revolutionary policy of defeatism in relation to the Bulgarian bourgeoisie and advocated fraternization with the German workers and peasants in uniform. The Stalinists accused him of being a "provocateur" and "traitor." He was kept under police surveillance and the archives of the fascist police refer to him as a "dangerous Communist."

Gatchev joined the Trotskyist Left Opposition in 1925 by "self-orientation," without having any information about the movement in Russia. He was expelled in 1927 from the CPB and remained an uncompromising Bolshevik-Leninist. There was a severe struggle between the Trotskyist and Stalinist tendencies within the Communist Party. The Stalinists tried to kill him. In prison, as well as out of prison, he conducted himself as a real revolutionist.

In 1932 Gatchev led the Left Opposition in Bulgaria and published the organ, **La Liberation.** At that time, some differences arose between Gatchev and another comrade, Manov. The latter returned to the ranks of the Stalinist party, is now a judge in the "People's Court," and states publicly that he was "in error" when he was a Trotskyist.

After the "liberation" of Bulgaria by the Red Army in 1944, Dr. Gatchev advocated a consistent revolutionary policy. He condemned the Stalinists for betraying the Socialist revolution, advocated uncompromising struggle for popular democratic liberties, and called for the seizure of power by the workers.

For this he was arrested in January 1945, and kept for one month in the cells of the Inspection of Militias in Plovdiv. Only the energetic intervention of his wife and comrades saved him, but prison life had seriously weakened his physical condition.

After a long illness, he returned again to work. He went to Stalinist meetings where he defended the name of Trotsky against the slanders of the Kremlin hacks. The Stalinists answered with threats. One night, two individuals attacked him at his home. The Stalinists declared that he was an "incorrigible Trotskyist."

During the last months, he insisted upon a united front of the workers and peasants to save the gains of the Bulgarian mass uprising of September 9, 1944. He warned against the new massacre being prepared by reaction against the revolutionary vanguard and the working class.

Dr. Mintcho Telbizov

Dr. Mintcho Telbizov, 36 years of age, was for many years a member of the Communist (Stalinist) Party. In 1934 he was expelled for defending revolutionary Marxist principles. For some years he was isolated and could not find any precise political orientation. Last year he became a Trotskyist, active in the mass movement.

The Stalinists instigated his expulsion from the hospital where he worked. They also tried to drive him out of the workers' section where he lived. He agitated for socialism everywhere—in the buses, inns and shops and at public meetings.

In the ranks of the medical doctors, together with Comrade Gatchev, he struggled for dialectical materialism against the priests and their dope. For this activity he was expelled from the medical association.

Ultimatum Put To Yugoslavia; Capitalists Pound War Drums

The verbal knife-throwing at the Paris "Peace" Conference gave way in the headlines last week to a major diplomatic crisis between the United States and the Stalinist-backed Tito regime in Yugoslavia.

The gravity of this crisis can be judged from the way the capitalist press pounded on the war drums. The widely-published columnist Drew Pearson, for instance, ominously suggested August 22: "If, in the end, it is clear Russia does not want friendship, we should examine the suggestion that we may have to unloose the atomic bomb as a preventative."

DANGEROUS CRISIS

Wall Street's leading organ, the **N. Y. Times** August 23 editorially characterized the crisis as having "dangerous potentialities." The **Times** recalled 1914 and 1939 when "the dreaded word 'ultimatum' leaped out at one from the banner headlines of the press, striking fear in men's hearts everywhere . . . "

The present crisis, however, differs from those on the eve of the First and the Second World Wars. The ultimatums in those wars came from the European imperialist powers. The present ultimatum came from this side of the Atlantic. It constitutes, therefore, a grave warning of Wall Street's readiness to precipitate a new world war rather than wait until it has been initiated by other imperialist powers.

The tension with Yugoslavia has been building since the end of the Second World War. The biggest quarrel has been over Trieste. Yugoslav troops occupied this city after the Nazi regime collapsed. Stalin wished to get it as a southern anchor for the Soviet Union's military defense. But the British secured withdrawal of Tito's armies and today this area is held by British and American troops.

THE ULTIMATUM

Then Washington began persistently violating Yugoslav sovereignty by unauthorized flights of airplanes over Yugoslavia.

Finally the Tito regime permitted itself to be provoked and fired at two airplanes, bringing one down August 9 and the other August 19.

The State Department seized the opportunity to deliver a smashing diplomatic blow at Tito's regime. On August 21, the State Department issued an ultimatum to the Yugoslav government calling its explanation of the crashes a lie. (The occupants of the second plane "met their deaths not by 'accident' but by deliberate acts of Yugoslav authorities.")

The ultimatum gave the Yugoslav government 48 hours to release the captured survivors of the first plane crash. If the ultimatum was not complied with, the State Department threatened to place the case before the United Nations.

TITO SUBMITS

At the same time it became known that a "strong" United States naval squadron has been sent into the Mediterranean to put military pressure on Yugoslavia. Tito complied with the ultimatum.

All these facts show that American imperialism is headed straight toward a Third World War. The incidents provoked in line with this objective are used to inflame public opinion against the "enemy" — in this case the Soviet Union.

The Stalinist-backed Tito regime played directly into the hands of Wall Street. What was gained by shooting down American planes? It did nothing to halt Wall Street's drive toward war, but only gave the Wall Street propagandists grist for the mills of war.

The crisis disclosed once more the way in which Stalinist foreign policy undermines the defenses of the Soviet Union and paves the way for another war. Instead of depending on the international working class to fight intervention as did Lenin and Trotsky, the Kremlin despot and his puppets count solely on military force, possession of "key" cities and strips of territory.

What blindness and stupidity in the age of atomic war! How can a few lend-lease fighter planes in the hands of Tito stop the mightiest military power the world has ever seen when it decides to strike?

The entire experience of the Second World War shows that the Soviet Union can truly be defended and a Third World War prevented only by socialist revolution on an international scale!

Bikini Atom Bomb Demonstration

Blueprints of World War III predict one-third to one-half of America's population wil be slaughtered by atom bombs in the first few hours.

Stalin's New 5-Year Plan

Despite the Kremlin's attempts at secrecy, the Fourth Five-Year Plan reveals the crisis of Soviet economy. Comparative figures on the new and the preceding plans appear in the September issue of **Fourth International.** The statistics show tremendous gaps between the most elementary needs of the masses and even the most optimistic plans of the bureaucracy. And quotations from recent issues of **Pravda** indicate that the disparity, especially in agriculture, is growing at a desperate pace.

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—Leon Trotsky

Let Labor Beware!

The Nazis had no monopoly on atrocities. Here in the United States the storm troops of capitalist reaction show they are capable of bestial cruelty no different than that of the Nazis.

A description of one of the many recent Negro lynchings was made public last week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP investigators tell what happened in Minden, Louisiana to John C. Jones, 26-year-old war veteran.

"Jones was burned about the face and body with a blow torch after a horrible beating at the hands of the mob. The mutilated veteran's head had been struck repeatedly and his hands severed by a cleaver. The excessive heat and beatings caused his eyes to pop from their sockets."

We will spare the reader further guesome details of what the white ruling class is doing to terrorize the Negro people. It is being repeated again and again in the South—and in the North, as witness the murder of the Ferguson brothers in Freeport, N. Y., and the lynching of a Negro soldier recently in Seattle.

Who is really responsible for these atrocities? Are they just the spontaneous acts of "poor, ignorant crackers," as the capitalist press would have us believe?

The responsibility lies with the entire capitalist ruling class of America and all its political agents, from the top Federal administration on down.

They are deliberately maintaining and fostering the Jim-Crow system. One of the main props of Democratic administration is the Southern white ruling class of rich landowners and industrialists. They exploit the Negro as a source of cheap labor power. They sow division and race prejudice among the Negroes and poor whites—the better to make profits from both.

Big Business in the North welcomes this system. The low standards of the South help to pull down wages in the North. Racial division is a mighty threat against unionism. It is the most sinister weapon in the arsenal of the capitalist-financed native fascists, like G. L. K. Smith.

The German Nazis started with the Jews—and ended by demolishing the entire labor movement. America's ruling class is starting with another oppressed racial minority, the Negro people! Let organized labor beware!

The Wage Front

Just before the Price Decontrol Board issued its decision last week, the CIO leaders announced in a policy statement that: "We cannot accept a situation in which wages are frozen while the cost of living soars."

If this statement really means what it says, the CIO leaders would be urging a militant union campaign for higher wages.

But they have put forward no such proposal. They have merely proclaimed the "need for immediate wage increases," while offering no program to win wage raises.

The actual program of the CIO leaders consists of repeated futile appeals to the Big Business government to "roll back" prices. At the same time, they are trying to divert the workers' discontent into useless actions like the "buyers' strikes."

This program is bankrupt. This was again demonstrated sharply when the Price Decontrol Board last week issued the latest government price rulings to aid the profiteers. The CIO leaders themselves denounce these rulings as maning higher prices then ever. (See story on Page 1)

If the CIO leaders do not organize and lead a real fight for higher wages, all their talk about "not accepting" frozen wages and higher prices is empty bluster.

The truth is they accepted this situation and will continue to accept it so long as they fail to fight for a program that can change the situation.

That effective program, as more and more CIO workers are coming to realize, is first and foremost an organized union struggle for wage increases.

The union militants must insist that their top leaders cease begging the government of the capitalists to "roll back" prices. Instead, the slogan of the hour must be: Reopen All Wage Contracts!

A real fight must be launched on the wage front. And not just for fixed wage increases that can soon be wiped out by further price rises.

The one demand that will give immediate and effective protection against steadily rising prices is for wages that rise automatically and in direct proportion to rising prices. Into every union contract must be written a clause for a sliding scale of wages that provides automatic wage increases, above a fixed minimum, for every increase in the cost of living.

Bring Them Home!

The United States Marines held against their will in China have again managed to indicate in no uncertain terms that they want to come home. They succeeded in breaking into the ultra-conservative columns of Wall Street's mouthpiece, the **N. Y. Times**, with this demand. (See page 1.)

They were backed by Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, who was stationed in China for many years. Carlson was widely publicized during the war for the spectacular activities of the Raiders under his command in the Pacific. At a mass meeting of veterans this authoritative military figure openly accused Wall Street interests of wanting the Marines held in China.

At first, spokesmen of the Truman Administration claimed the Marines were stationed in China to disarm the Japanese forces. When this excuse wore thin, Truman's propagandists claimed the Marines were needed to "guard' railway lines.

But Wall Street's real aims are more sinister.

First, Wall Street wants to prevent the Chinese people from ousting dictator Chiang Kai-shek. Huge quantities of war material have been turned over to this despot. His armies have been equipped with American-made arms. His officers have been trained in modern tactics by American instructors. American ships have been diverted to ferry his troops into strategic areas. And the American Marines in China have been stationed precisely where they can do the most good for Chiang Kai-shek.

Wall Street's second aim is preparation in the Far East for the war it plans against the Soviet Union. As the **Army and Navy Bulletin** blurts out, the withdrawal of the Marines would "be nothing more than the signal for Russia to extend its 'iron curtain' influence over the vast areas of the Chinese mainland." This double-talk constitutes the usual diplomatic camouflage that precedes war and that is designed to throw the blame on the "enemy."

Thus China constitutes a vast beach-head in Wall Street's blue print of the Third World War. In its drive to dominate the entire earth, Wall Street envisages the continent of Asia as a major battlefield. In preparation for this carnage, it insists on all-out manufacture of atomic bombs at home while holding the Marines in advance positions in China as pawns in the chess moves leading to the projected war against the Soviet Union.

In the struggle against Wall Street's war aims, the labor movement should back the Marines to the hilt in their wish to get back home.

Withdraw the troops!

Stalinist Treachery In Palestine

New light has just been shed on the perfidious, double-dealing role of Stalinism in the struggle against imperialism in Palestine.

T. Cliff, Palestine Trotskyist and student of Middle East politics, reveals the full scope of the Stalinists treachery against the Jewish and Arab masses, in his article, "A New British Provocation in Palestine," published in the September **Fourth International.**

During the recent united Arab-Jewish strikes the Stalinists supported extreme nationalists in **both** the Jewish and Arab groups who were opposed to a united struggle against the British imperialists. Comrade Cliff writes:

"The Stalinists' habit of dragging after the 'nationalists' was displayed in its ugliest form during the last few days. While the Jewish Stalinists launched a struggle against the British White Paper and demand free immigration and settlement, one of their groups going so far as to join the world Zionist Organization, the Arab Stalinists sing laudations to the Grand Mufti, reactionary leader of Arab bourgeois nationalism."

In an article entitled "The Grand Mufti," **Al- Ittihad,** the Arab Stalinist weekly, wrote on June 23, 1946, in honor of the Mufti's arrival in Egypt: "Our struggling nation honors those who sacrifice themselves. The Arab nation in Palestine has shown vitality and faithfulness to its interests and those who work for them. Arab Palestine from end to end celebrated the good news . . . Arab Palestine expressed its feelings in its celebrations and demonstrations for every man who it is sure served his country faithfully."

The Stalinists support the Zionists, who aid British imperialism by opposing the rights of the Arab masses in Palestine. They praise the Grand Mufti, who aids British imperialism by urging a vast Arab slaughter of the Jews. This is nothing but double-dyed treachery to both the Jewish and Arab masses, whose only salvation lies in united struggle against their common imperialist oppressor.

"Goodness—just look at those Communists, feeding the Russian bears!"

Workers' BOOKSHELF

BUILD A LABOR PARTY NOW, by George Clarke. Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y., 16 pp, 10c, 1946.

With recent facts fresh in the memory of every worker, this little pamphlet sums up the paradox of labor's position today — victories on the picket lines but defeats in politics — and outlines a road out. In vivid and forceful style it clinches the arguments to **Build a Labor Party NOW!**

Independent political action by labor has always been sidetracked by the "third party" fraud or stalled off by the alibi that "now is not the time." This delay has been costly to labor. Yet the union bureaucrats, who like to hobnob with Wall Street's political puppets, help to portray them as 'friends of labor" and to credit them for every gain which the workers themselves have made through their own strength and militancy.

George Clarke here exposes the role of so-called labor parties that fail to offer labor candidates but only endorse candidates of Wall Street's two old parties. He blasts the "lesser evil" theory of those who "keep postponing the labor party to some time that never comes." The "lesser evil" policy he points out, has given us Truman and his slave-labor proposals, and the most reactionary Congress since the end of the First World War.

Clarke shows how a national labor party, could at the very least, rally more than a third of the votes and easily elect a third or more of Congress. Any President, Democrat or Republican, would then think twice before proposing slave-labor laws.

At the end of the pamphlet is an impressive list of candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in five state elections, from New York to the State of Washington. These candidates are running for Congress, U.S. Senate and for state offices, as "the only candidates fighting for an Independent Labor Party."

The Socialist Workers Party is using this new pamphlet as part of its campaign literature, not only on behalf of its candidates but to advance the slogan which is the title of the pamphlet, **Build a Labor Party NOW!**

Reviewed by Jeff Thorne.

MARCHING BLACKS, by **Adams Clayton Powell, Jr.,** 1945, Dial Press, 214 pp.

The author of this book, formerly a member of N. Y. City Council and today a Congressman, aims to be a leader of the Negro people. He is opposed to the old form of subsidized black nationalism which "sanctioned Jim Crow and kept the South safe for white dominance." He is not only against the caste system of whites over blacks, but against caste divisions within the Negro population itself. He is enthusiastic about the growing present-day movement of the Negroes to unite with their white brother workers in common struggle.

But in all of this, Powell merely rides along on the tide of what the Negro masses achieved for themselves through years of heroic and bloody struggles. An eloquent preacher—Powell is head of the Abyssinian Church in Harlem with a membership of 11,000—he delivers sermons expressing the indignation of the Negroes at their degradation and exploitation. But he can provide them with no answer.

For politically, Powell is a supporter of the capitalist system, which he hopes to improve through preaching and reform. He admits, in his book, that when World War II broke out, "fifteen million black Americans found themselves politically disinherited, economically exploited, socially ostracized and educationally underprivileged . ." He admits that the same conditions prevailed all through the "War for Democracy." He admits that race hatred would grow fiercer after the war — already borne out in actuality.

Yet Powell still supports the capitalist system responsible for the enslavement of his people. He supports the Wall Street wars to enslave the rest of the world. As a consequence he whitewashes the crimes of the American ruling class. In 1944, when the white rulers provoked the bloody massacre in Detroit which ended in the slaughter of 25 Negroes, Powell repeated the capitalist lie that "the Axis maneuvered the riot."

Powell's political program is hopeless. He wants only to reform the capitalist system, which today is thoroughly rotted and incapable of reform.

Powell proposes in his book that the "Marching Blacks" — all of them — should evacuate the South and move north. At the same time he admits that the "intolerant, anti - democratic, fascist prejudice concentrated in the South" is "spreading rapidly . . . into every section of America." Thus, he proposes an azsurd and impossible "escape."

Powell's proposal is not the answer. The answer is to abolish the capitalist system which breeds discrimination and slavery. Only then will the "Marching Blacks" and the white workers wipe out the Lynch Law of the north as well as the south, and win their emancipation.

Reviewed by Larissa Reed

Peace-Makers At Work

By Bill Morgan

Flash! Staggering reports of inhuman working conditions imposed upon delegates at the Paris "peace" conference have finally leaked through the bunghole of official secrecy!

The facts, long suspected by people on the inside, have been uncorked by delegate Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, who blew his top when he realized that world peace was being endangered by the assembly-line pace at which delegates are driven.

Not since the Congress of Vienna (1814-15) have delegates been so overworked, said Mr. Masaryk, complaining that the total of official dinners, receptions, cocktail parties and other social functions have reached a head-splitting average of one and three-quarters parties a night! "Not even a debutante could stand it much longer," he gasped and then added, "It shows no sign of slackening . . ."

These official parties and receptions are mandatory and grave implications are found if a Foreign Minister or Finance Secretary absents himself from the dinner table of another. People whisper, "M. Masaryk's not here tonight. Is there a boundary problem between China and Czechoslovakia?"

After the conference closes for the day at the Palace of Luxembourg, the delegates are driven on to the business of **compulsory** dining, dancing and drinking. As a result the working day does not end until midnight!

Great importance is attached to this roundy-go-round of elbow-bending and shindig-ing by the men who control the proceedings. Since the formal sessions of the conference are open to newspapermen no secret diplomacy is possible during the day. And, since secret diplomacy is necessary if a third world war is to be prevented, according to the men who prevented World War I and World War II by secret diplomacy, the business must be transacted in an atmosphere of comfort and privacy. Hence the endless social whirl.

But the saturation point has been reached. The original strategy is being submerged by an epidemic of "delegates-fatigue" —an occupational hazard not to be confused with combat-fatigue or convoy-fatigue.

Spanish Paper Banned in France

(Special to The Militant)

PARIS, Aug. 8 — Although the French Minister of Information has finally legalized most of the Spanish emigre newspapers published in France, his office is still stalling on the demand for the legalization of **Lucha de Clases,** organ of the Spanish section of the Fourth International.

The Internationalist Communist Party (PCI), French Trotskyists, are vigorously protesting this discrimination against their Spanish comrades and calling on the French workers to join them in the demand for equal treatment of all the tendencies of the Spanish emigration.

PAC's "Box-Score" On 79th Congress

By Ruth Benson

The CIO Political Action Committee (PAC) has published a "box-score" on the 79th Congress, whose election in 1944 the PAC leaders hailed as "a great progressive victory." This same Congress, PAC now shows, actually voted 92 per cent of the time against PAC-endorsed measures and for laws bitterly opposed by labor!

The PAC lists the voting records of every single Senate and House member on 12 issues considered most important by the CIO. The House chart includes the Hobbs "anti-racketeering" Bill which subjects unions to judicial frame-ups; the anti-labor Case Bill; Truman's veto of the Case Bill; the Dirksen amendment for state control of the U. S. Employment Service; the Patman Housing Bill; the Elliot rider barring farm workers from Wagner Act benefits; Atomic Energy Bill; the Un-American Activities Committee; and four OPA-crippling amendments.

The Senate chart substitutes Truman's Draft-Labor Bill, FEPC, the Minimum Wage Bill, British loan, and the vote to close debate on the poll-tax, for the Case bill veto, Dirksen, Elliot, Atomic Energy and Un-American Activities bills.

In both cases, the votes of individuals considered favorable by the PAC are shown by a plus sign; unfavorable votes by a minus sign; failure to vote, by a zero. Each chart is a sea of minuses, faintly broken by other symbols.

Revealing as it is, however, this "box-score" doesn't tell the whole story. PAC admits it "does not show how a Congressman or Senator voted in committee or talked in debate. It does not show whether he fought aggressively for or against a particular issue, or whether he merely went along. Frequently they play for the record in the same way that a ball player 'plays for the grandstand.'" Therefore, the total picture would be even worse than 92 per cent reactionary!

What PAC Doesn't Tell

It is significant that nowhere has the PAC listed specifically the records of Congressmen the PAC supported for election in 1944. That's the "box-score" which would reveal the true results of the PAC's policy of backing candidates of the capitalist parties, Democratic and Republican.

For instance, take the Truman draft-strikers bill —called the most vicious anti-labor bill ever sponsored by a President. The measure was rushed through the House in 40 minutes, by a 306-13 majority. OF 90 CONGRESSMEN ENDORSED BY PAC IN 1944, ONLY 7 VOTED AGAINST THE BILL. Fifty voted for it; 33 were prudently absent. Two of "labor's friends," McCormack of Massachusetts and Voorhis of California, even fought for it on the floor! And the author himself — Truman — was PAC-endorsed in 1944. PAC's "box-score" doesn't even include this action!

Nor is PAC telling what its candidates of 1944 did on price-control, the biggest issue recently before Congress. It would like the workers to forget it endorsed Clinton Anderson, former Representative from New Mexico, who is now Secretary of Agriculture and fronting for the meat trust.

Here's the record of other PAC-endorsees on price control. Higher food prices were urged in the House by Engle and Tolan, Calif.; White, Id.; Traynor, Del.; Cheif and Bates, Ky.; Mansfield, Mon. Rushing to the aid of manufacturers were Harles of Ariz.; Kelly, Ill.; Gardner, O.; Hendrick, W. Va. And still others wanted a free-for-all — amendments to boost prices and profits on everything. These included Bender of O.; Wasielewski, Wis.; Granger, U.; Boton, O.; Fernandez, New Mex.; Stewart, Boren and Wickersham of Okla.

Yet from tabulations that reveal these devastating facts, the PAC draws only one conclusion — it urges the workers to vote in 1946 for new "friends of labor" from the same capitalist Democratic and Republican parties!

The PAC leaders draw false conclusions from their own evidence. But more and more workers are drawing correct conclusions. The PAC evidence shows one thing: There are no friends of labor in the capitalist parties. Labor must build its own independent labor party — Now!

"Who's Making All The Money?"

"Who's Making All the Money?" is the title of an illuminating article by Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, in the August issue of the AFL **American Federationist.**

Shishkin takes up the arguments of the Big Business propagandists who talk about how "high" wages are in contrast to the "slim" profits of the capitalists. He shows with a wealth of factual proof who's making all the money — and it isn't the workers!

He first cites the findings of the Federal Reserve Board and Bureau of Agricultural Economics. These show that in 1945, when production was going full blast, 32,000,000 of the 42,000,000 families in the United States had incomes of less than $3,000 a year; 12,400,000 had incomes between $1,000 and $2,000; and 9,300,000 families, representing 30,000,000 people, had incomes of less than $1,000 — an average of $600.

He shows further that price rises, unemployment, loss of overtime and downgrading have drastically reduced even these incomes in 1946.

Shishkin reminds us that in making comparisons of wages and profits we should note that "wages are the wage earners' **gross** income **before he meets** all of his costs. Profits, on the other hand, **represent** the **net** income of a firm or corporation, **after all** of its costs have been met."

At the end of World War II, the top 30 per cent of the income brackets controlled 15 billion dollars of personal savings—70 per cent of the national total. "Between 1939 and 1943, average corporate profits rose 128.2 per cent" and "war profits remained at an extremely high level for five years."

Shishkin then shows the net profits of 446 corporations in the first three months of 1946 as compared to the first quarter of 1945. For industry as a whole, he reports, "here, for the period which was supposed to be the worst for American business, we find that for the majority of key industries profits after taxes are higher in 1946 than in 1945."

Shishkin's article tells what a union committee can answer a boss who says, "A wage increase? If I granted the wages you ask for, the increased cost would run me out of business." The workers can tell him "who's making all the money."

WORKERS' FORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Dutch Reader Tells How Anti-Labor Drive In U. S. Affects All

Editor:

It is of greatest interest that we in Europe should know what legislative measures have been brought into effect by Truman against the labor unions in case of strikes.

In my own circle, nobody could give a clear answer about the steps taken by the legislators —Congress and the Senate. You all know and are aware that what happens AGAINST the workers in the United States is an example for the European capitalist rulers. What was once the role of Germany for the ruling class, that is during the Hitler period, is now the role of U. S. big business and its anti-strike legislation in every form. The prime role of U. S. economy makes it the experimental laboratory for action against the world proletariat.

From Dutch papers we could not extract information about this subject. Be so kind as to inform us about the matter. If you have issued pamphlets, leaflets, papers, etc., concerning this, please send them. Cordial greetings.

B. M.
Amsterdam

Supports Program of Socialist Workers Party

Editor:

I am not a member of any political party, since I am not an American citizen, but I want to send my moral support to anything done for the good of the people of the earth who do the work. As I am as poor as "a needle without thread," there is not much financial support which I can send.

With the best wishes for the Socialist Workers Party.

M. M.
Minneapolis, Minn.

The Role of H. G. Wells

Editor:

The death of H. G. Wells has provoked a lot of discussion among bourgeois critics as to his literary role, and stature. There were two Wellses—the early, crusading Wells whose novels demolished moth-eaten Victorian concepts in the field of education, marriage and politics. That was in his Utopian Fabian days. Then there is the more recent Wells, a pessimist, who predicted devastating wars which could destroy civilization, and thrust mankind back into barbarism.

When I was at the Mid-West Camp, I heard William F. Warde analyze the role of Mark Twain, another bourgeois writer of approximately the same period. I believe his analysis of Twain holds good for Wells also. For Wells, like Twain, wrote and developed in the Nineteenth Century, when capitalism was in ascendancy not only in the U. S. but England, too. Wells, like Twain, became a literary captive of the capitalist system, the former in its period of decline. In his writings Wells was able essentially only to reflect the cynicism, despair and hopelessness of a ruling class grown decadent and reactionary. He could provide no answers to the burning questions of the day.

Today only writers who reject capitalism and its cancerous ideology, only those who are clear and courageous enough to march arm in arm with the working class in the struggle for Socialism — are capable of playing a vital and significant role, and thus attaining truly great literary stature.

H. Daniels
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Trinidad Workers Mourn Antoinette Konikow

Editor:

The news reached us on August 7 of the death of Comrade Antoinette Konikow, one of the most steadfast and devoted to the cause of the working class, not only of America, but of the entire world.

We, the members of the Negro Cultural and Social Association, mourn the loss of so valiant a woman; we therefore pledge to follow in her footsteps to achieve the victories for which she so valiantly fought.

We therefore on behalf of the members of this organization extend our condolence and trust that her place may be filled by one worthy of her name.

Fraternally yours,
Rupert Hannibal, sec'y.

Port of Spain
Trinidad, August 19, 1946

Henry Kaiser— 'A Force for Good?'

Editor:

Some time ago **The Militant** published the "Saga of Henry Kaiser," telling of some of his mistakes.

In spite of this, I believe the aims of this industrialist are closely allied to what we socialists want, and they would furnish an intermediate step from now to true socialism.

He differs from other Big Business men in several important respects. Where others selfishly urge that government controls be abolished, he advocates a closer cooperation between government and industry. He is one of the few industrialists who have had a decent concern for the welfare of the workers, their medical care and housing. He has publicly deplored the plight of the homeless veterans and has spoken for mass production of attractive housing, for which he has plans. He has spoken for, not against, price controls.

Most business men have been very cold toward full employment, realizing that if jobs were guaranteed, their position with labor would not be as master to slave. Henry Kaiser is concerned about giving full employment with adequate pay. He has stated many times that the huge facilities for production that were utilized to the hilt during war times must and can be continued for peace.

If men and events are viewed with perspective, there is a discernible trend that promises a new socialism for an old capitalism. In my opinion, Henry Kaiser is a definite force for the good.

Enclosed is a dollar. Please renew my subscription.

Lillam M. Hostetler
Spokane, Wash.

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Editor's Reply: Kaiser's aims, far from being "closely allied to what we socialists want," are allied completely with what all big capitalists want — to grow bigger and pile up more profits from the labor of the workers.

Kaiser is naturally for "closer cooperation between government and industry" — didn't the war government hand him nearly half a billion dollars in contracts and loans? Didn't it give him the huge publicly-financed Willow Run plant for a song? Didn't he make more than $27,000,000 net profits out of just two government-built West Coast shipyards in which his personal investment was only $100,000?

Kaiser is a typical capitalist who had an "in" with the Roosevelt administration and became super-rich from government hand-outs.

During the war, the necessities of getting labor and avoiding labor trouble led him to adopt a "friendly" attitude toward trade unions.

After the war, when the big steel companies were putting the squeeze on him he tried to use some return pressure by signing the first postwar contract with the CIO Steelworkers and getting their support in a bid for control of the new western steel plants built by the government.

Sure, Kaiser speaks for "full employment" and use of all production facilities. This was the argument he used in trying to get hold of a lot of government-built plants at next-to-nothing prices.

Don't be taken in by Kaiser's liberal talk. That's just part of his method to win public support against his most formidable competitors like U. S. Steel and General Motors. He's a cost-plus racketeer trying to continue the ride on the capitalist government's gravy-train.

Army Banned Book Satirizing Brass Hats

Editor:

In his recent review of the book "The Good Soldier Schweik," George Breitman should have mentioned the fact that army censors prohibited the sending of this book to GIs!

D. B.
Oakland, Calif.

Legal Lynch Gangs In Man-Hunt

Part of a posse of more than 300, composed of sheriffs, deputies and state police, preceded by packs of bloodhounds, hunting down Negro men, women and children who fled into the swamps near Magee, Mississippi after a fresh wave of Jim-Crow terror swept the area. See stories on Pages 1 and 6.
Federated Pictures

SWP Urges Mass Demonstration Against Police Terror In Harlem

Editor:

Jim Crow brutality is rampant in Harlem. In the last few weeks a campaign of terror has been unleashed by the New York City Police Department against the Negro citizens.

One of the most vicious attacks occurred on the morning of July 14 when Miss Jossie Stewart of 701 Crotona Park North, Bronx, accompanied by two women friends, hailed a taxi at 111th St. and Sixth Ave. The driver accepted Miss Stewart and put the meter on. But when she informed him that she had two friends with her, he refused to drive, and demanded that she leave the cab.

Miss Stewart called a policeman to aid her in getting transportation home. Patrolman Carmello Perconti of the 28th Precinct instead pulled her out of the cab, kicking her and beating her with his night stick. The defenseless woman was severely beaten, her lip split, a tooth knocked out, and four teeth shattered. The cop then took her to Syndenham Hospital where seven stitches were necessary to sew up the cut on her face, and medical attention had to be given to her bruised stomach and rectum. Next he took her to the police station and arrested her for assaulting an officer!

After she was booked, Perconti and two other cops took Miss Stewart into the back room of the station house, and commenced to kick, beat and club her, in the manner of Hitler's Gestapo or Talmadge's Georgian Democrats. All this was accompanied by the vilest anti-Negro remarks.

Later Perconti took Miss Stewart's purse containing $32, throwing back $1.84. When she bent over to pick up the money, she was severely kicked. Finally she was thrown into jail.

Meanwhile her friends notified her husband, and went with him to the precinct station. There the two women were arrested on charges of assaulting an officer. After Miss Stewart's husband arranged bail, all three women were released at midnight Sunday. These innocent women are still charged with assault.

Another case is that of Boris E. Byrd of 122 East 127 St., who accidently brushed against a white cop while walking on the street. He apologized, but the cop immediately began to beat him on the head and body, smashing his night stick into Mr. Byrd's eye. His sight is permanently impaired.

There are many such cases. A Negro musician, Mr. C. Powell, was so severely beaten by Jim Crow cops that he is now in the hospital. A member of the National Maritime Union, Clyde A. Taylor, had an arm broken by a cop.

Last Monday at the Harlem YMCA, a conference was called by the office of Benjamin J. Davis, Communist Party Councilman, to plan action protesting the brutality. The sole Stalinist proposal was to send delegations to the Mayor, Police Commissioner and District Attorney.

Representatives of the Socialist Workers Party proposed a mass demonstration and one-day work stoppage in Harlem. This was seconded by Hope Stevens of the National Negro Congress, who pledged the support of her organization, and was heartily accepted by all present.

Representatives of many trade union, civic and church organizations also pledged support. Among these were the CIO United Packinghouse Workers Local 253 represented by Bob Whiley; N. Y. chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, represented by Gertrude Robinson; and United Negro and Allied Veterans, represented by Oliver Martin.

The SWP is actively working for an effective mass demonstration in Harlem to serve notice to the boss class that the Negro people and the Labor movement are prepared to oppose Jim-Crow police terror.

Victor Howell
Herbert Hill
New York, N. Y.

BUILD THE LABOR PARTY

How to Show Price-Rises

Editor:

I should like to see in your paper a more dramatic presentation of price increases down through the years. Instead of saying, "The advance in prices last month was three per cent," let us have this more illustrative method: I shall use milk for an example:

Aug. 1933	.....	11c qt.
" 1935	.....	12½c qt.
" 1939	.....	12½c qt.
" 1941	.....	13½c qt.
" 1942	.....	13c qt.
" 1946	.....	20c qt.

These are not the accurate figures. I am using them however to show just what I mean

Will you do this?

Arthur Young
New York, N. Y.

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More testimony on the popularity of Pioneer Publishers' recent pamphlets:

Z. Lerner of Flint Branch, Socialist Workers Party, writes: "I want to let you know that at a Chevrolet Local 651 UAW-CIO meeting, two of our comrades were greeted with a warm response by the workers, who bought 23 copies of **Veterans & Labor** (by Charles Carsten, 10c) and two copies of **The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International** (Transitional Program of the Founding Conference, 25c). Also, workers made two small contributions to the party through the comrades selling the literature. This experience shows that **Veterans & Labor** is a very timely pamphlet and will sell easily."

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From **Detroit,** writes **E. Brent:** "**Veterans & Labor** is selling very well. Already (in about three weeks) we have sold 58 copies. One comrade said it was a common experience to have a buyer read the pamphlet right off so they could discuss it."

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Older pamphlets also continue to move rapidly. **Clara Lombardo** reports **Buffalo Branch** sold in one month 23 copies of **A Practical Program to Kill Jim Crow** by Charles Jackson (10c), 13 copies of **American Workers Need a Labor Party,** by Joseph Hansen (15c), and 11 **Vigilante Terror in Fontana** (10c, published by Los Angeles Branch of the Socialist Workers Party). Since this report, Pioneer Publishers has issued a new pamphlet on the labor party question, **Build a Labor Party NOW,** by George Clarke (10c), supplementing Joseph Hansen's earlier work with later facts.

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Army Life On Okinawa Gets Worse

Editor:

I think you might be interested in some excerpts from a letter I just received from a friend in Okinawa. He says:

"The mail situation over here has definitely not improved. We get mail once a week and are lucky if it is within two months of the date that it was written.

"We have to take care of the families that are coming over to this side to be with their men. It is not an easy job to take care of the wives of colonels, majors, and the other brass. There has been only one enlisted man who has put in for quarters to move his wife over here. I really pity her when she has to bow down when the brass and Mrs. passes. It is not for me.

". . . Things are really beginning to get 'chicken' down in this section of the world.

". . . I did not realize I would be so anxious for this day (shipping home) until it began to creep up on me. If it gets any worse as you get closer to the gate, I don't know if I will be able to make it.

"They have gotten so strict on this rock that they court-martialled a guy from OBASCOM who was caught trying to send a couple of wrenches and pliers home. He got six months out of it. The whole damn rock is getting too many of these regular army officers and all they know is "Throw the book at him." To give a soldier the hardest possible punishment.

"At the present time we only have 21 dependents (officers' families) but 40 are coming in pretty soon. I am surely glad that I am leaving before all the whining gets started.

"They had a major in here for an hour and a half this morning trying to get me to stay over here. Capt. —— and the major both got drunk trying to talk me into it over the beer counter the other evening, but I am going home, HOME! Do you understand???"

If anyone was under the illusion that our "democratic" army is getting any better as time goes on, he'd better get it out of his head.

Ray Moore
New York, N. Y.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Detroit Sub Record Holds Up Despite Fire

Despite all the difficulties faced by the **Detroit Branch** of the Socialist Workers Party after vigilante gangsters set fire to the headquarters, subscription work has gone right ahead. If anything, the comrades have redoubled their efforts in getting subscriptions according to **E. Brent,** literature agent.

"Enclosed are eight subs," she writes. "In spite of the fire a couple of weeks ago the comrades are doing a good job in turning in both new and renewal subscriptions."

And today 13 more subs came from Detroit with this comment: "**E. Henry** was one of the comrades who helped cover the NAACP meeting held here August 12. While he was distributing, several workers approached him and asked how to subscribe to **The Militant.** The comrade took six names and addresses and then the next evening went to see three of the people. He received three new subscriptions. He will follow up on the other three."

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Nine subscriptions were sent in by **L. Morris** for the **Connecticut State Branch.** Although he doesn't comment, this fine batch of subs is evidence that the comrades are working hard.

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M. Jones of Youngstown sent in three subs and reports that two more UAW workers have now paid for subscriptions taken out while on strike.

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C. M. Hesser, organizer for **Portland Branch,** tells of steady plugging on the part of the comrades to get subs: "Enclosed find two subs. The work goes slowly but we hope to send more soon." And again: "Enclosed find two more subs. We are going out tonight to try to do some more renewal work."

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Sam Stone sent in subscriptions sold by the **Buffalo** comrades while gathering signatures on petitions to put Socialist Workers Party candidates on the ballot.

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Al Turner, San Diego literature agent, sent in 16 subscriptions obtained by the comrades of that branch.

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Activity around **The Militant** increases steadily in **St. Louis.** "Last week I asked you to increase our bundle order by five copies," writes Dick Clarke. "This week please increase it another five copies." And four more subscriptions were received today.

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Milt Genecin of Akron tells of an opportunity to reach 300 workers with **The Militant:** "Please send us 300 copies of the June 8 issue. We expect to use these to cover a city-wide convention of all labor organizations called by the joint CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood committee. There will probably be about 300 delegates there.

"Originally, we had planned to order the current issue for that purpose but the June 8 issue will do very well as it deals with the question of labor unity and has a lot of news from Akron as well."

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The Militant Army ranks continue to grow.

Jennie Cook of Youngstown, Ohio, renewed her own sub and sent in six-month subs for two of her friends.

John Bukowiec of Flint, Mich., renewed his sub and asked us to send a sample of **The Militant** to six friends.

Evelyn Martin of Tolleson, Arizona, wants four of her friends to receive a sample copy of the paper.

Simon Williamson of New York City sent in a one-year subscription, asking that we credit his friend, C. White, for telling him about **The Militant.**

Pete N., a Militant booster in the merchant marine, walked into the office the other day with 12 subscriptions for workers he met in Singapore. His comment: "**The Militant** is spreading like wildfire there."

Candidates Speak At Newark Picnic

By Ruth Franklin

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 18—Alan Kohlman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New Jersey, and William Bohannon, SWP candidate for Congress, today spoke at the first annual picnic of the Newark SWP branch. Their talks climaxed a gala outing enjoyed by many friends and comrades.

Baseball and horseshoe pitching preceded the home-cooked dinner. In the evening, singing, dancing and entertainment were held in the large casino. The picnic was a social and political success, introducing many new friends to the Socialist Workers Party.

Youth Group Activities

NEW YORK. — For information on the Trotskyist Youth Group send name and address to 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Every Sunday: Beach Party at Brighton Beach between Bay 7-8 (take BMT to Ocean P'way).

Open Forum: Every Friday, 8 p.m., at 116 University Place. Dancing, refreshments follow.

Brooklyn: Class on "Struggle for Negro Equality." Instructor: Harry Robinson. Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Brooklyn headquarters. SWP, 635 Fulton Street. Dancing, refreshments.

Queens — Open forums every Wednesday at Odd Fellows Temple, 160th St. and 90th Ave., 8 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA. — Youth Forums held every Saturday, 8 p.m. 1303-05 W. Girard, 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES. — Socialist Youth Club meets every Thursday, 8 p.m., at SWP headquarters, 316½ W. Pico Blvd. Educationals by Youth and SWP speakers.

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Watch this column for further announcements of youth activities.

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300 NEW YORK CITY WORKERS PAY TRIBUTE TO LEON TROTSKY AT DEATH MEMORIAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 21—Joseph Hansen, Socialist Workers Party candidate for the U. S. Senate, gave an inspiring address tonight to more than 300 party members and readers of **The Militant** at the Trotsky Memorial Meeting held in Webster Hall. Hansen was secretary to Leon Trotsky at the time of the assassination of the great revolutionist six years ago.

"The greatest intellect of our age was extinguished by the blow of a Stalinist assassin," said Hansen. "Trotsky was the greatest product of the best that is in mankind. He was struck down by the bloodiest Cain in history. But no one can kill great ideas. Trotsky's program lives on and he has left behind him a movement that lives and grows."

VIVID GRAPH

Hansen traced the history of the great leader of the working class, his heroic achievements, the unparalleled persecutions he suffered at the hands of the enemies of the toilers and oppressed peoples. "The whole course of Trotsky's life is a vivid graph of the development of the working class toward a new, socialist society. His ideas are today being borne out in the class struggle all over the world. His ideas will flame through the working class like a fire. His spirit will move along with the conquering ranks of the Fourth International."

Sylvia Blecker, SWP candidate for Attorney General in New York, spoke about her experiences in Minsk, her home town in Russia, after the October Revolution, during the period of the civil war and capitalist intervention.

"The waves of the revolution washed away all traces of prejudice and discrimination," she stated. "From all the corners of this city of 200,000, the working people flocked to the railroad station when they heard that Trotsky was coming through on a train. They wanted to see and hear this heroic leader and organizer of the Red Army. His name was associated with freedom, with the struggle against all oppression."

George Clarke, New York SWP organizer and chairman of the meeting declared: "We commemorate Trotsky's anniversary in the way that he would have wanted. We have dedicated ourselves to follow the example of his life and to carry on his program and his work. In our election campaign, the most ambitious undertaking in the history of our party, we prove that we are not a movement of talkers—we are a movement of action.

"Our candidates in the November elections will bring the message of Trotsky, the program of Trotskyism, to the workers and poor farmers of this country. Our candidates will speak to thousands over the radio and on public platforms. Our party will issue tens of thousands of leaflets and newspapers giving the program of Trotskyism. For the first time thousands of new workers will learn how to find the only road out of capitalist anarchy, wars and death."

Special features of the memorial meeting were the Trotskyist Youth-Color Guard, the **Militant** Chorus and a showing of the film "Ten Days That Shook the World," based upon John Reed's famous book on the Russian Revolution. The meeting closed with the singing of **The Internationale.**

Vacation School Commemorates Fallen Leader

By E. Kennedy

LITTLE PLEASANT LAKE, Mich., Aug. 21—The Trotsky Memorial Meeting held this week at Mid-West Vacation Camp and School was one of the outstanding features of the entire season. We were fortunate in having with us a comrade who had spent several years as part of Trotsky's personal guard in Mexico. He gave us numerous recollections of the personal life and traits of Comrade Trotsky.

The main speaker of the evening, Comrade Anderson, was a pioneer Trotskyist of the American movement. He recalled some of the major events in the development of our movement through his own participation, from the early days when Trotskyism was looked upon as a movement of hair-splitting sectarians.

He showed how our movement has since grown on a world scale, and become a real force in the labor movement — a force which will fulfill the confidence of Comrade Trotsky in the victory of the Fourth International.

The meeting concluded with the singing of **The Internationale.**

Flint Memorial Opens New Headquarters

By Douglas Snyder

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 18 — The Flint branch of the Socialist Workers Party tonight commemorated the sixth anniversary of Leon Trotsky's death by opening its new headquarters at 215 E. Ninth St., to carry forward the ideas to which Trotsky dedicated his life.

William F. Warde spoke on "The Meaning of Trotskyism to the American Working Class." He described how Trotsky organized the Fourth International to continue the struggle for world socialism after Stalin had betrayed it. In stirring words he told how Trotsky, mortally wounded by a GPU assassin, gave his final message: "I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International — Go Forward!"

TWO JOIN SWP

The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the SWP here, with many new friends present. A worker and a housewife joined the Socialist Workers Party, and $51 was contributed to the further work of the Flint branch.

The successful meeting tonight marks the beginning of expanded activity for the branch. On September 22, a public meeting will be held on "Will the Government Succeed in Hog-Tying the Workers in the United States."

Trotsky's Life Told In Detroit

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 22 — The Detroit Branch of the Socialist Workers Party held a Trotsky Memorial meeting, Wednesday evening, August 21.

Opening the meeting, Jack Gaynor spoke on the aspects of Leon Trotsky's life. Recalling various personal incidents, Comrade Gaynor described a typical day spent by Trotsky.

The main speaker of the evening was Richard Kirk. Evaluating Trotsky's great contributions to the world, Comrade Kirk pointed out that the greatest was the formation and building of the Fourth International.

Storming The Fascist Meeting

Militant labor pickets in Minneapolis as they break through a barricade of chairs and screens to rout G. L. K. Smith and his fascist gang from their meeting place in the ballroom of the Leamington Hotel.

Two Veterans, One Soldier Die At Hands Of Race-Hate Lynchers

Last week more Negro victims were added to the rising toll of lynch murders. Two Negro veterans, Richard F. Gordon, 31, and Alonzo Brooks, 25, were lynched in Marshall, Texas, according to an NAACP press release on August 22.

Local police are trying to whitewash the crime by claiming that Gordon's death was caused by a hit-and-run driver. But one of the people who saw his body lying on the road before it was taken to the morgue, stated that his throat had been slashed from ear to ear; that his head and body were horribly cut and bruised, and that prints on the road leading to the spot where he lay, showed evidence that he had been dragged through the streets tied to the rear of an automobile.

Negro residents in the vicinity of the killing said they were awakened early in the day by two automobiles containing gangs of white men, making a great deal of noise. They remained on the scene of the killing until the police arrived, leading to the conviction that the lynchers and police were in a conspiracy together.

Several days before his death, Gordon had been falsely accused of stealing whiskey from his wealthy white employer, who thereupon fired him. Two days later he was rehired by this same employer, and was killed at dawn the next morning.

Alonzo Brooks, the second victim, was found dead in the woods near Marshall, three days after he had left home in his car to visit friends, after driving his family to church. His autopsy revealed death from blows on the nape of the neck, and strangling.

Residents suspect there is some connection between the deaths of these two veterans and the recent primary elections on July 27, when Negro veterans took steps to insure their voting rights.

In Spokane, Washington, Private Samuel Hicks was found dead on a roadside at the Geiger airfield on July 17, after a series of boxing matches between white and Negro soldiers. Provocations against the Negroes touched off a "race riot." Negro troops were tear-gassed into submission.

An Army report on the killing attempted to whitewash the crime by stating it was a possible hit-and-run accident. But no injuries except one on the right side of the head from a blunt object were found on soldier Hicks' body.

16 Hoodlums Indicted In Jim-Crow Attack

After a five-day investigation, a special Grand Jury in Athens, Alabama, on August 24 returned 10 indictments charging 16 white persons with "offenses" in connection with white mob asaults upon the Negro population on August 10. The attacks against the 1,500 Negro residents in this town of 3,500, began when L. C. Horton, a Negro veteran, employed at the Ritz theater, was struck down by two white brothers.

Ku Klux Klan elements whipped up the atmosphere to lynch frenzy. White hoodlums gathered in knots on street corners and called for mob action against the Negro veteran.

When the two Massey brothers who struck the Negro were taken to the local jail, almost 2,000 white men, mostly in their teens, marched upon the jail and demanded their release. The brothers were released. The Negro residents retired to their homes, put out the lights and waited to defend themselves and their families. State Highway Police dispersed the white mob and arrested nine.

Attempts to hush up the affair were made by Mayor Richardson of Athens, who censors all stories to the **Birmingham News**, which is the main source of **AP** reports.

All-White Jury Sought In Trial Of 25 Negroes

The state's intention to pick an all-white "hanging jury" to try 25 Negroes who stood their ground against a Columbia, Tennessee lynch attack last February, began with the acceptance of W. Stagg as one of the jurors. The 64-year-old white farmer admitted that he is biased against Negroes.

Stagg flatly stated that he believed in separate trials for Negroes and whites. He declared that some of the principles of the Ku Klux Klan were good. Circuit Judge Joe M. Ingram repeatedly overruled each request of defense attorneys for rejection of the prejudiced juror.

For more than a week the 25 defendants have been driven from their homes 66 miles away to Lawrenceville, to appear in court. Judge Ingram ordered one of the defendants, Clarence Brown, who is seriously ill and failed to arrive in time at a court session, to forfeit his bond of $5,000. New bond was fixed at $10,000.

The Judge ordered Brown, who is suffering intense pain and whose physician had ordered him to remain in bed, to be brought to court in custody, where he has to sit on a hard chair. Brown is taken by the Sheriff to a local doctor every two hours for hypodermic injections.

The 25 Negroes face 20 years in prison if convicted on the charge of "attempted murder." This frame-up is the outgrowth of the savage assaults by a white lynch mob and 1,000 state police upon the Negro population in Columbia on February 25. Two Negro men were lynched in cold blood by guards in the local prison.

Inflation and OPA

It is false to talk of an "inflationary prospect," for there is already in the United States a **matured** inflation. The process behind this inflation, and the role of OPA and the Wage Stabilization Board in steering "the bulk of the inflation profits to certain big capitalists," are carefully analyzed by Warren Creel in the September issue of **Fourth International.**

This article will be especially interesting to **Militant** readers who have been following Creel's series on "Wages, Prices and Profits." It describes in greater detail the economic factors outlined in the **Militant** articles. Single copies of Fourth International 25c, yearly subscription $2. Order from Business Manager, 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y.

Wages, Prices And Profits

What Becomes Of Surplus Value?

By Warren Creel

The share the workers get out of the total value they produce depends on how strongly they bargain against the employers. It is often said that wages are controlled by the cost of living, and while that is not strictly true it is true in a loose way — through an indirect process. The cost of living influences the bargaining power of the workers, and through that the level of wages.

When wages go too low for living, the workers must refuse to take them. At that point their organization and action become strong, in spite of all the employers can do to oppose or mislead them.

This does not mean that wages tend to stay near a **proper standard of living.** We might say instead that wages tend to stay **near a fighting standard of living,** meaning a standard below which the workers are forced to struggle. Experience shows that this standard which forces struggle is below the proper living standard. The average wage received by workers in America has always been below the figure of the U.S. Labor Department's Budget of Health and Decency. Many studies of living levels have all shown the same thing: that wages tend to go up and down more **or less in step** with the cost of living, but they always remain below a decent standard of living.

Wages rise nearer to a decent standard when the workers add to their bargaining power. Through unions, and especially through independent political action, they gain more strength and raise the standard for which they can organize a struggle.

We have already sketched the process that controls the share the workers get. All the rest of what is produced in industry goes to the workers, and we call it "surplus value." We have seen that surplus value is going up with increasing productivity. What is the effect of this?

To answer that we must look at the working of the law of labor value in the economic system as a whole. Through this analysis we can test out such questions as whether raising wages will raise prices, and so on.

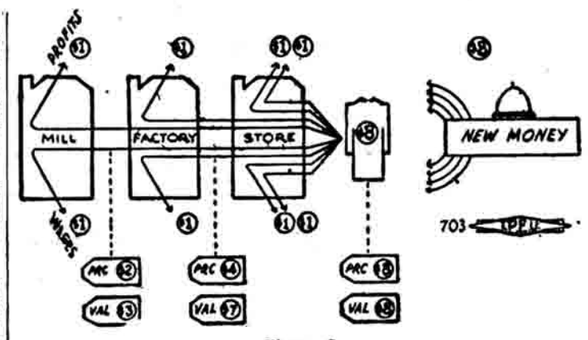


Figure 3

Figure 3 is a useful diagram for the analysis which we will undertake in the next few installments of this series. It is a simplified plan of the flow of commodities and money in a capitalist system. It pictures the story of what happens to the income from one commodity, a coat, which is taken as a token for the output of all industry. Through this we can trace what happens to all income, including what happens to surplus value. The coat is sold for $8 and the eight lines going back from it show what becomes of the money.

For our present purpose we suppose that production of the coat starts in a textile mill which makes the cloth. In real life the mill would have to buy wool or cotton for raw material. But going back for other steps would not change the point for which we are using the chart, so we can keep it simple.

The mill makes the cloth and sells it to the factory for $2. The mill gets $2, which we suppose it pays out as the arrows show: $1 goes to owners for all types of profits, including rent and interest, that is, all types of income from ownership. The other dollar goes to workers for making the cloth.

The factory buys the cloth, makes it up into a coat, and sells it for $4. The cloth cost $2, so that leaves $2 for the factory. We suppose they are paid out as the arrows show: $1 to owners for profit, rent and interest; $1 to workers for making the coat.

The store gets the coat for $4 and sells it for $8. The arrows show $2 to owners for all kinds of profit; and $2 to the clerks for advertising and selling the coat.

Dotted lines from each sale point to **price-tags** and **value-tags.** The **price-tags** show the exchange-values, by which the capitalist economists interpret the process at each of these steps. The **value-tags,** giving the labor-value from **productive labor,** are used by Marxists to understand the process at each step in terms of production. We will see that the latter method shows us what really is happening.

Next week: Production and Income

West Coast Camp Schedules Week-End Session Near L.A.

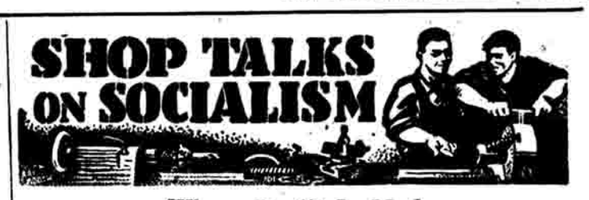
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24—The committee in charge of the annual West Coast Vacation School and Camp announced today that preparations for the week-end were in their final stages.

The camp is to open on Friday, September 13 and to end Sunday evening September 15. The three day period will be solidly filled with interesting activities.

There will be indoor games, sports, swimming, dancing and other entertainment. The educational program centers around a discussion on "The Coming American Socialist Revolution." This discussion will include the class struggle history of the United States, the present economic and political structure, and how socialism will come to the United States.

Reservations with full or part payments should be made immediately to insure your attendance at the encampment. Please use the blank provided for this purpose on Page 5.

For further information write to the West Coast Vacation School, Room 2, 316½ West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles 15, or call RIchmond 4644.



Where Profit Is Made

By V. Grey

The capitalist makes no profit on the raw materials he buys. He makes no profit on his buildings, his land, or his machinery. He makes a profit only on the money he invests in labor power — the money he pays in wages.

That's why we call the money he spends on wages "variable capital." All the rest is "constant capital."

When $100,000 is invested, say $90,000 goes into constant capital and $10,000 into variable capital. The workers get $10,000 in wages. If they produce twice as much value as they get paid, then they produce a "surplus value" of $10,000. They produce 100 per cent more than they get paid.

That's $10,000 profit for the capitalist — a 100 per cent surplus over what he paid for the labor power. "But wait!" he says. He invested $100,000, didn't he? And he only got a profit of $10,000. So he made only 10 per cent, not 100 per cent. He figures his profit on his **whole** investment. **It** is not his fault that cold machinery and lifeless plants do not make profits out of themselves like rabbits, which come out of silk hats. He pays enough for them, he thinks. A good deal **more** than he pays for these troublesome laborers.

And what is the difference whether we say that the capitalist has made a surplus value of 100 per cent over what he paid the workers—or that he has made a 10 per cent profit on his whole investment? The sum of money, $10,000, is the same in both cases.

First, it is more correct to say that a "surplus value" of 100 per cent has been squeezed out of the workers because it is a scientific description of what takes place. It strips bare the secret of "profits."

Second, it helps us understand the growth and decay of the capitalist system. It helps us to see why it takes more and more money to be a capitalist, as machinery and production grow ever larger.

When capitalism was young, a budding capitalist didn't have to own much capital to exploit labor. The tools of the laborer were still small—out of reach of the laborer's purse, to be sure, but within the reach of many a little capitalist. A capital of, say $40,000 might be split in the following way: $30,000 for materials, equipment and machinery; $10,000 for labor. If the capitalist squeezed 100 per cent surplus out of the laborers there was a "surplus value" of $10,000, exactly the same as in the case above.

Both then and now the workers might produce about the same value and surplus value. (They produce more **things**—that is, more use values today—but not necessarily more exchange value.)

The capitalist regards the surplus value produced by the workers, as the profits on his total capital. The capitalist of years ago who made $10,000 on a total capital of $40,000, figured he was making a profit of 25 per cent. But the capitalist today has to invest more than a $100,000 to get $10,000 in surplus value. For him this is only a 10 per cent profit.

Declining Rate of Profit

In other words, the more machinery comes into general use, the more constant capital it takes for normal production, and the lower the rate of profit on the total capital. And since this is continually going on, there is a constant decline in the **rate** of profit.

Now the capitalist is aware of this situation in a sort of way. At least he reacts to it. He can temporarily slow down the decline of the rate of profit by squeezing more surplus value out of the workers.

This can be done by lengthening the working day. But under modern conditions, the more practical method is to intensify the work—the speed-up and the stretch-out, conveyor-belt systems, assembly-line techniques and so on. Here the machine comes to its owner's aid with a device to insure the laborer's working sixty seconds to the minute, and thus yielding more surplus value—more profit to the owner.

And so, the machine which should do our work for us, and give us more time to live, read, dance and enjoy ourselves, compels us to do **more** work. As Marx said, "The most powerful instrument for shortening labor time, becomes the most unfailing means for placing every moment of the laborer's time at the disposal of the capitalist."

The fact that capital has a "constant" part and a "variable" part—the fact that these parts are changing their relations to each other—the fact that the rate of profit is declining—these facts lead to the ever more furious onslaughts against the working class. But even more important, they lead the capitalists themselves into a series of blind alleys which doom their own system.

Not that the capitalists are becoming poorer. But they become fewer—fewer and richer. A tremendously greater heap of constant capital is needed today to set labor, the value-creator, into motion. This leads to monopolies.

The ever-growing billions of constant capital and the declining rate of profit breed monopolies, economic stagnation and imperialist war.

GENERAL EISENHOWER SEEKS HEMISPHERIC ARMED CAMP

(Special to The Militant)

MEXICO, D. F., Aug. 19 — Yesterday General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, completed his junket to two of the key Latin American countries—Brazil and Mexico. Although he was officially announced as no more than a "Good-Will Ambassador," sources close to the presidents of both countries revealed that serious business was discussed behind the guarded doors of the presidential offices.

Among the purposes of the tour, Washington counted on strengthening its diplomatic ties with Latin America and demonstrating to the world the sway it exercises over countries of the Western Hemisphere. But the primary objective of Eisenhower's mission was to reinforce military bonds, to discuss various aspects of President Truman's proposal for a hemispheric army and to line up Mexico and Brazil behind this plan.

'NOT UNSUCCESSFUL'

Press reports indicate that Wall Street's military chief was not unsuccessful. An August 10 International News Service dispatch from Rio De Janeiro reported an "authorized source" as saying that during his visit General Eisenhower had reached the first stages of an agreement between the United States and Latin American nations over the "continental defense pact" sponsored by Washington.

During a long conference with the President of Brazil, Eurico Gaspar Dutra, and his Minister of War, General Padro Aurelio de Goes Monteiro, a long-term plan of military cooperation between Brazil and the United States was approved. INS reports that under the provisions of this plan, bases operated by the U. S. Army and Navy during the war will be returned to Brazil for supervision and maintenance. However, American technicians and advisers, who will cooperate closely with the Brazilian Army, are to remain in the important bases of Natal and Belen.

Explaining the importance of Eisenhower's mission to Brazil, a Brazilian military official declared: "The United States and Brazil are laying the basis for an organization of the continent never dreamed of before the war."

GPU Book 'The Great Conspiracy' Rehashes Moscow Frame-Up Trials

By Joseph Hansen

(Fourteenth in a series on the Moscow Trials and their significance.)

The Kremlin undoubtedly hopes that the recently published book, **The Great Conspiracy**, will divert the attention of rank and file Stalinists from the failure to bring up the Moscow Trials at Nuremberg.

But unfortunately for the Kremlin frame-up machine, this book only succeeds in further exposing the falsity of the Moscow Trials. To unravel all the lies and distortions of the authors, Sayers and Kahn, would require a shelf of books the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica. However, consideration of a few paragraphs in the first chapter will show precisely how the Stalinist lie machine operated in composing this latest piece of Kremlin propaganda.

LIE MACHINE

The lie machine opens its "colorful tale" by introducing Raymond Robins, whom they make out to be a kind of Ambassador Joseph E. Davies in the days of the Bolshevik revolution. This man with an "outdoor mind" and a "passionate concern for the welfare of the common man" sees facts straight even if he does favor capitalist exploitation over the Soviet system. And so begins the "carefully documented evidence" with which the lie machine constructed the book.

Immediately after the Bolsheviks took power, declare Sayers and Kahn, "Robins wasted no time. He drove out to Smolny and asked to see Lenin." Get that!—**Lenin.**

"'I was for Kerensky,' said Robins frankly, 'but I know a corpse when I see one and I regard the Provisional Government as dead. I want to know whether the American Red Cross can serve the Russian people without injury to our national interests. I am against your domestic program, but it is none of my business what happens in domestic Russia. If Kornilov, or the Czar or anyone else had the power I would be talking to him!'"

Now here is how it was told in **Raymond Robins' Own Story**, as printed in 1920: "Robins went to see Trotsky shortly after the Bolshevik revolution had put Trotsky into office." Get that!—**Trotsky.**

The original source then describes how Robins had been "in support of Kerensky and therefore against the Bolsheviks."

"When Robins came to Trotsky's door, there were soldiers there; and when he got inside, there was a man standing by Trotsky's desk who at once showed much excitement. 'Kerensky-ite,' he cried, pointing to Robins. 'Counter-revolutionary.' He had heard Robins addressing the Russian soldiers against peace and in favor of fighting Germany. 'Counter-revolutionary,'" he continued.

"Robins raised his arm in a gesture he hoped was commanding and calm, and said to his interpreter:

"'Tell Commissioner Trotsky it is true I did everything I could to help Kerensky and to keep the Commissioner from getting into power.'

"Trotsky frowned.

"'But tell the Commissioner,' said Robins 'that I differ from some of my friends. I know a corpse when I see one, and I think the thing to do with a corpse is to bury it, not to sit up with it. I admit that the Commissioner is in power now.'

"Trotsky looked mollified.

"'But tell the Commissioner,' said Robins, 'that if Kornilov or Kaledine or the Czar were sitting in his place, I would be talking to them.'

"Trotsky looked less mollified. Robins hastened to state his whole errand.

"'Tell the Commissioner,' he said, 'that I have come to ask him: Can the American Red Cross Mission stay in Russia with benefit to the Russian people and without disadvantage to the Allied cause? If so, it will stay. If not, it will go.'

"Trotsky looked at Robins steadily, and considered."

We have quoted this entire section in order to show how **"carefully"** Sayers and Kahn have documented **The Great Conspiracy.** All their documentation is of the same lying type. Yet the fly leaf of the book brazenly proclaims: "None of the incidents of dialogue in **The Great Conspiracy** has been invented by the authors!"

Take the very next two paragraphs on the same page 16 of **The Great Conspiracy:**

"Lenin took an immediate liking to the dynamic, outspoken American. He tried to explain to Robins the character of the new regime.

"'They say I am a dictator,' Lenin declared. 'I am for the moment. I am a dictator because I have behind me the will of the mass of the peasants and workers. The moment I cease to do their will, they will take the power from me, and I would be as helpless as the Czar.'"

Picture printed in "Raymond Robins' Own Story." In the back seat of the automobile are Robins' secretary, the famous Bolshevik journalist Karl Radek (with pipe), Mrs. Radek, and Leon Trotsky's sister (wife of Kamenev). Robins' book contains very interesting information about Lenin, Trotsky and Radek. Robins as "unofficial" representative of Woodrow Wilson's Administration, visited the government offices almost daily, buttonholing prominent leaders of the Bolshevik regime. He mentions Dzershinsky, Ryazanov, Krylenko, Kamenev, Podvoisky, Elizarov, Chicherin, Sverdlov and other outstanding figures. However, Robins does not mention Stalin in this book. Apparently he never happened to stumble across the then completely obscure bureaucrat who was later to betray the Bolshevik cause, seize power and murder Lenin's comrades as fascist "dogs gone mad."

Raymond Robins Own Story gives a different version. There in a chapter on Lenin following the exceedingly interesting one on Trotsky. Robins quotes at great length from Lenin on the character of the new regime, how the Soviet system extends democracy into economy and how Communism must replace capitalism on a world scale.

Did Sayers and Kahn present Lenin as a personal dictator because that would please Stalin more than Lenin's real explanation about the new regime? Are they afraid to print anything that would reveal how far Stalin has gone in betraying Leninism?

Perhaps that is why Sayers and Kahn decided not to print such explanations of Lenin as the following on page 2 of **Raymond Robins Own Story:** "The flame of the Socialist revolution may die down here. But we will keep it at its height till it spreads to countries more developed. When you see a Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies in Berlin you will know that the proletarian world revolution is born."

Robins' 1920 book tells more about Leon Trotsky than any other Bolshevik except Lenin. This was only natural since Robins acted as an "unofficial" ambassador for the United States and Trotsky was then head of the Foreign Commissariat of the Soviet Union. Today, however, Sayers and Kahn quote Robins as having had a conversation with Lenin in which the head of the Bolshevik Party "spoke of his and Stalin's plans" in regard to the nationalities in Russia "and told me that Stalin had just been elected Commissar of Nationalities."

ONE CATCH

There is one little catch. To get Stalin's name even mentioned like this in connection with the Bolshevik revolution, Sayers and Kahn had to get really **"careful"** with their documentation. A footnote explains that "Robins wrote the authors" of **The Great Conspiracy** on this point in **November 1943!** That is, 23 years after he set down his first impressions of the Bolshevik regime!

Let Sayers and Kahn explain how it happened Robins did not even mention Stalin in his 1920 book while filling chapter after chapter with the inseparable names of "Lenin and Trotsky!"

Robins' 1943 praise of Stalin should be judged in the light of the following boast he made to the American anti-Bolsheviks of 1920: "I was fighting Socialism before some of you ever thought of it, and I shall be fighting Socialism when some of you have quit."

Thus far we have considered the outright lies and distortions in only five paragraphs and a footnote on two pages of the first chapter of this product of the Kremlin frame-up artists. Imagine the task of similarly exposing all the lies in the entire book!

The jacket claims that **The Great Conspiracy** is "more strange and startling than the most sensational spy fiction." It is indeed "strange and startling."

Some of the most obvious blunders in the Moscow frame-ups are repeated without any change. Other blunders are not to be found even with the most diligent probing into these pages of Kremlin sewage. Pyatakov's airplane, for instance, is still flying in **The Great Conspiracy.** Yet it was **proved** nine years ago that Pyatakov never landed in Oslo in an airplane and consequently **lied** about talking with Trotsky! This airplane crashed through the structure of the frame-up in the Second Moscow Trial while Pyatakov was still on the stand. That didn't stop Stalin from shooting Pyatakov, or Sayers and Kahn from repeating his lie.

The Great Conspiracy repeats in the text that "Leon Trotsky, accompanied by his son Sedov, crossed the Franco-Italian border on a false passport and met Krestinsky at the Hotel Bavaria in Merano," Italy. A footnote explains that "Trotsky was then living at St. Palais, a small village at the foot of the Pyrenees in the South of France." Let Sayers and Kahn look at a map. The Pyrenees are on the border of Spain and **not Italy.** Thus at the time of the alleged meeting, Trotsky was some 600 miles away. This blunder of the GPU frame-up machine was called to the attention of the world more than eight years ago!

HOTEL BRISTOL

The Great Conspiracy carefully avoids other blunders of the GPU frame-up machine. We will mention one, probably the most notorious blunder of all in the Moscow Trials, the one about Holtzman meeting Sedov in Copenhagen in the Hotel Bristol years after it was torn down and while Sedov was in another country. This famous incident, one of the main pillars of the Moscow Trials, is not even mentioned by Sayers and Kahn.

Holtzman is not even listed as one of the defendants, although he was shot after making this "confession." The Kremlin's frame-up artists really burned their fingers with the non-existent Hotel Bristol. It seems they decided not to burn their fingers on it again in this book.

All the propaganda about **The Great Conspiracy** peddled by the Stalinist press hammers on the theme of its **"careful"** documentation. It is not necessary however to wade very far in this reeking Kremlin bilge to see what the highly-touted "documentation" is actually worth. Sayers and Kahn bungled the job before they finished the first chapter.

(To Be Continued)

Stalinist N. Y. Election Policy Leads To Wall Street Victory

By Joseph Hansen

Socialist Workers Party Candidate for U. S. Senator from New York.

Backing candidates of the capitalist political machines betrays the interests of the workers. This is the main lesson to be drawn from the results of the New York primaries.

The Stalinist strategists who control the policy of the American Labor Party made a "coalition" with Wall Street's political machines. This meant: (1) running ALP candidates in the Republican and Democratic primaries; (2) handing over the ALP line on the ballot to Wall Street politicians.

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The ALP candidates took a terrific beating from the Democratic and Republican machines. Marcantonio, Baldwin, Connolly, and Powell were all defeated in the Republican primary. In the Democratic primary, Connolly and Geo. Rooney were defeated by a crushing majority. Marcantonio and O'Toole won by extremely narrow margins in the Democratic primaries—and to do this they had to rely on the backing of the Tammany machine. Leo Isaacson lost in both primaries. One of the "victories" ballyhooed by the Stalinists was the success of O'Toole in the Democratic primary in the 13th Congressional District. The **Daily Worker** once branded him for "his anti-labor stand on the Case Bill."

The policy of handing over the ALP line on the ballot to a Wall Street politician paid off with a stab in the back in the case of Baldwin. On losing the Republican nomination, Baldwin repudiated the American Labor Party. Thus the Stalinist strategists ended up with an enemy of labor and an enemy of the ALP as their candidate!

WARNING SIGNAL

A grave warning signal in the primaries was the complete lack of interest on the part of the workers. Less than one out of every ten registered voters went to the polls.

This was an inevitable result of the "coalition" policy followed by the Stalinist strategists in the ALP. The workers could see no difference between the ALP and Wall Street's candidates. Why go to bat for a reactionary like Baldwin?

The August 22 **Daily Worker** admitted "there was apathy in the labor and progressive movement for most of the campaign." The Stalinist "explanation" for this apathy, however, sounds like the story of the cook who returned a borrowed pot with the bottom broken out. In the first place, said the cook, the bottom was missing when I borrowed it; in the second place the pot was in perfect condition when I sent it back; and in the third place I didn't borrow it.

Thus the **Daily Worker** says, "Part of that apathy was undoubtedly induced by the policies of the Truman administration."

Next the **Daily Worker** explains, "The conditions of national unity that prevailed in 1942 and 1944, when Rep. Vito Marcantonio took all three primaries, have given way to a bitter struggle by reaction against labor and other progressive elements." Wall Street doesn't require Stalinist bootlicking as much now as during the imperialist war!

WEASEL WORDS

And in the third place, according to Stalinist chieftain, Robert Thompson in the August 25 Sunday Worker: ". . . the ALP . . . registered an unprecedented strength among the voters of the two old parties in last Tuesday's primaries."

This weasel-worded "explanation" is simply throwing dust in the eyes of the workers. To win, the workers must decisively break with the two capitalist parties. The only way Wall Street's political rule can be ended is through militant independent political action.

The NEGRO STRUGGLE

"Labor with a white skin cannot emancipate itself where labor with a black skin is branded."
—KARL MARX

By William Bohannon

The Fight Against Lynching

Lynching is an extreme, sudden, more violent form of Jim Crow. It cannot be separated from the Jim Crow system, because it is a bloody continuation of that system.

The whipping post and the gallows were constantly held before the eyes of the Negro when he was a slave; they were intended to frighten him so that he wouldn't even dare to think about running away or rebelling for freedom. The lynchings and the threat of lynchings are the swords they hold over our heads today to serve as warnings of what will happen to us if we continue the fight to end Jim Crow and secure equality.

But I don't think they have succeeded in frightening us this time. On the contrary, they have only angered us and made us more determined to punish the lynchers and the government officials who protect and incite the lynchers. Instead of frightening us so that we will be content with a Jim Crow life, they have further aroused us to do away with the Jim Crow system altogether.

NEW SPIRIT

For there is a new spirit manifesting itself among the Negro people today. More Negroes voted in the South in 1946 than ever before. Negro veterans have returned home determined to win some of the democratic rights they were told they had to defend abroad. Negroes today are a basic part of the labor movement in the north, and are the workers most receptive to the union organizing drives in the south.

I hope no one will accuse me of blind optimism because I say these things. I know that we have not yet seen the end of the lynch terror, or even the worst of it, and I know we must prepare to meet it. But I also know that the Negro today is more militant than ever before, and that he will face the greatest dangers to secure recognition of his rights.

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Lynching is a threat to the interests of the labor movement as a whole. One of its chief purposes is to terrorize the Negroes so that they won't fight for better conditions side by side with their white brothers. When lynching is successful in this aim, it keeps the working class divided; this benefits the ruling class and it hurts the workers, white as well as Negro.

Not only the Negro people, but more and more white workers are coming to understand this. They are compelled to line up with us against the lynchers, not merely because they are sorry for us, but because it is to their own interests to do so. Either they must help us to defeat the lynchers, or the lynchers will try to defeat the white workers after they have defeated the Negroes. That is why the white worker is or will become our ally in the fight against the lynch mobs.

This fact will play the decisive part in our struggle. As we know, the Negro, no matter how militant he is, cannot by himself solve the problems of discrimination, segregation, second-class citizenship and the evils that come with them.

With the support of the labor movement — and we count on that, not the hypocritical promises in Washington—we cannot fail.

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A federal anti-lynching law, and a strong one, is needed. Such a law and its strict enforcement would undoubtedly discourage a lot of Ku Kluxers. And that is why the Bilbos and Rankins and their friends in the White House do their best to keep such a bill from being enacted.

But such a bill would not by itself put an end to the barbaric practice of lynching. The lynchers are concerned not with the law, but with violating it. To abolish lynching, more is needed than a law.

DEFENSE GUARDS

What is also needed is the will to fight the lynchers—to fight them so well and beat them so badly that they will retreat into the rat-holes where they belong. This means that we must have defense guards to lead and organize the struggle.

By defense guards we don't mean Negro defense guards, because they can have only a limited effect. We mean workers' defense guards—organized by the labor movement and made up of both white and Negro workers. The mixed composition of these defense guards would guarantee that the fight against lynch mobs could not be turned into the appearance of a fight between white and Negro, but would plainly be a fight between the workers and their class enemies.

Many unions in the north already have flying squads, which are the same as defense guards in form and only need to take on the added function of fighting Jim Crow. The unions as they are formed in the south should also organize such squads or guards. Only united labor action will end lynching.

Demonstrations In Denmark Mark Rising Labor Militancy

By William Simmons

Since its "liberation" Denmark has experienced a constantly rising wave of class struggle. During May of this year it culminated in "unauthorized" spontaneous mass strikes, involving in Copenhagen alone more than 150,000 workers. Mass demonstrations were held before parliament, voicing the general demand that the government must go.

These strikes were distinctly political in nature. Arising out of a government strike prohibition, they were carried on against the edicts of the trade union bureaucrats, against the open opposition of the Social Democratic Party officials, and against the thinly-veiled sabotage of the Stalinist leaders of the Communist Party.

WORKERS DISARMED

On the day of "liberation," without a moment's delay, a previously prepared coalition government, headed by a Social-Democratic premier, took over. It included some leaders of the resistance movement, amongst them two members of the CP. Yet, beginning that very same day, the coalition government took measures to undermine and to eliminate the freedom fighters' organization embracing some 45,000 armed men, amongst whom the CP had established considerable influence.

In the parliamentary elections last fall the Social Democratic Party, for decades the dominant party in Danish politics, suffered an almost catastrophic setback. The Communist Party made striking advances, rising from two members in parliament to eighteen. However, the real gainers were the capitalists, whose well-to-do agrarians took over the reins of government.

The ruling class became more bold. Based on its general thesis of more production for export at lower cost, it assumed the offensive in a campaign to cut down the workers' standard of living.

When trade union agreements came up for renewal and the workers demanded wage increases to catch up with the rising cost of living, the complex machinery of mediation whittled the general norm of hourly increases granted down to a miserly 5 to 6 pennies. This the laborers' union refused to accept. By May Day 50,000 of its members were on strike. Later the packinghouse workers followed suit.

In Copenhagen 150,000 workers struck on May 11. In the provinces other thousands joined the strike.

The Social Democratic leaders in parliament took the position that law is law and must be upheld. The Stalinist leaders attempted to play both sides. While their parliamentary spokesmen admitted the justness of the action taken by the workers, their two members in the Copenhagen Magistrate Council joined in a unanimous proclamation of that body calling upon all municipal employes to return to work.

Thus the big strike movement had to make its difficult way without leadership. The Workers' Opposition intervened, spreading leaflets throughout the city and called meetings which filled to overflowing the largest halls available. The strikers were urged to continue the fight, to select their own strike committees in every factory and shop and have each one of these committees select representatives to a central leadership. The strike received new impetus and became virtually a general shutdown.

STAB IN BACK

But the forces arrayed against the striking workers were too formidable. The final stab in the back came in a proclamation from the Stalinist central committee, calling upon all strikers to return to work Tuesday morning. Its official publication, "Land and People," followed up with the explanation that "Nobody with political responsibility can shirk the obligation to help establish law and order, build up the economy of the country, continue the purge . . . and create conditions of social justice in our country."

Frederick Douglass, Great Negro Rebel

"He who can say to his fellow man, 'You shall serve me or starve,' is a master and his subject is a slave," said Frederick Douglass in 1880. This great Negro abolitionist, born a slave in Maryland about 1817, had escaped, finally purchased his freedom, and by 1848 had emerged as a fiery orator symbolizing the struggle of the Negro masses.

Several speeches by Douglass, and an account of his amazing life, appear in the September issue of **Fourth International**, as the first in a series of portraits of famous rebels of the past.

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The Only Salvation For The Jews

By Leon Trotsky

The attempt to solve the Jewish question through the migration of Jews to Palestine can now be seen for what it is, a tragic mockery of the Jewish people. Interested in winning the sympathy of the Arabs who are more numerous than the Jews, the British government has sharply altered its policy toward the Jews, and has actually renounced its promise to help them found their "own home" in a foreign land. The future development of military events may well transform Palestine into a bloody trap for several hundred thousand Jews. Never was it so clear as it is today that the salvation of the Jewish people is bound up inseparably with the overthrow of the capitalist system.

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Diary Of A Steel Worker

Yesterday . . . And Today

By Theodore Kovalesky

There comes a time when the anger dies. There comes a time when the fire burns out and the red embers turn black. It takes time, but it happens.

The moon was full, and the night was quiet. I sat on the back step smoking my pipe and thinking.

The night was peaceful, and my pipe was just right. Out of the darkness, sailing through the air like a bat, came the wail of an engine. You always hear them at night when they pull the ingots to the soaking pits. It is a lonely sound, a sad sound, filled with memories of all kinds.

"Why do you say 'brother'?" It was a blond kid who asked. He was getting taller, and his eyes were serious as he asked the question.

"We call each other 'brother,' Joey, because we're all related," I said. "We're brothers because we need and want the same things, and we get together and fight for those things side by side, like brothers.

"You see, son," I went on, "the poor people all over the world are brothers and sisters. It makes no difference whether they're white like you and me, or colored like Mr. Brown and young Jimmy down the street, whether their grandfathers came from Poland like yours, or from Italy like Angie diRosa's. We all work in the factories and mines and mills or on ships, all over the world; and whatever our race or nationality may be, we're all brothers in the working class . . ."

Later on, the blond kid was a sandy-haired young man with broad shoulders poking at the seams of a sweat-stained denim shirt . . . a young man, but a MAN!

"I just signed Dick Mahoney up in the union, dad," he said, "And look, I think you're all wet about calling that meeting for Tuesday. I was talking to Terry O'Day over in Emil's place, and we figured Thursday would be a lot better . . ."

I drew on my pipe and almost felt his hand tugging on my arm that day the cops started shooting at our pickets, when Joey had pulled me out of the way. I looked up at the moon and the light gray clouds. It was on a night something like this that he had said, "Say, dad, Helen and me . . . we're going to get married."

The memory wasn't quite clear. Was he in uniform yet when he told me that? I couldn't recall. But thinking about the uniform, reminded me of one of our last talks. "I'm not getting into this with my eyes closed, dad," he had said when he was drafted. "You and I've known each other for a long time, and you've taught me a lot of things. I'm getting into this because I have to. They're drafting me, so I've got to go. But I know the real fight is back home in the labor movement. You keep punching, dad, and when I come back again, I'll be in there swinging alongside of you."

Yes, he went with his eyes wide open. He felt no hatred for the German and Japanese workers who had been forced into uniform like him. He had learned that all workers are brothers and he longed to come home again to reenter the common fight.

They drafted him, and God knows what happened. The telegram only said "missing."

A furnace roared over in the plant, and the sky was tinged with orange. I thought of all the other kids that had gone away and hadn't come back. The anger dies in time. What is done is done, and anger can't change it. It takes work to change it, long, hard, disappointing work like organizing a union in bad times. "But we'll do it," I muttered aloud. "Yes, socialism, peace and plenty for all, can be won if we work and fight for it . . . and we'll do it."

That's what I was thinking when Mary came quietly out of the kitchen door and said, "It's eleven-thirty, dear, and you've got to get up at five. You've got a union meeting in the afternoon and a party meeting tomorrow night."

A New Use For "Truth Serum"

By Grace Carlson

It would certainly be handy if one could always have a case or two of sodium pentothal on hand. The so-called truth-serum, sodium pentothal is the drug which the Chicago police used on William Heirens, murderer of the Degnan child. When one reads the latest outburst of the hypocritical president of the Teamsters Union, one certainly wishes that a little sodium pentothal could be injected into Daniel Tobin's arm — and that some of his union members could question him.

Here are a few examples of Tobin fakery from an editorial in the August issue of **The International Teamster:**

"The right way to reduce living costs is to buy less and produce more. That means staying on the job. It means reducing your purchases of everything to the absolute minimum.

"Buy as little food as you can get by on. Buy no clothes if you can put a patch on an old suit or an old shirt and make it last a little longer.

"Drive the old car a few thousand miles more or ride the streetcars . . . Make the old rugs and carpets do, no matter how thin or ragged . . . "

It would take a lot of "truth serum" to make a confirmed liar like Daniel Tobin tell the truth to his members, but let's suppose that a couple of truckdrivers could get enough of it into him. We can imagine the kind of questions they would shoot at their union's General President:

"Come on now, Tobin, let's have the truth! Have you reduced your purchases 'to the absolute minimum'?"

"You look pretty well fed, Danny, my boy. I bet that you're used to a good, rich diet. Tell us the truth, Dan. Are you buying 'as little food as you can get by on'?"

"Another thing, Mr. T. you've been getting more than $20,000 per year from our union for some time. Are you wearing old suits and old shirts? Give it to us straight, Tobin! You don't have any intention of putting any patches on your suits or shirts, do you?"

"And what about this rug deal, Tobin, Are you shuffling around on 'thin, ragged' rugs? You bet not! You live like a king, don't you?"

"So, come clean, Tobin! You're giving us this hypocritical advice 'to buy less and produce more' just so you won't have to fight for higher wages for the teamsters. Isn't that true?"

If Tobin had enough "truth serum" in him, he'd have to admit that all these charges are true. Yes, indeed, this "truth serum" would be a mighty handy thing for workers, who have to deal with labor fakers like Daniel Tobin!

Don't Play With Rattlesnakes

By Farrell Dobbs

Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor of New York.

The American Labor Party lost the election in the 17th Congressional District of New York by supporting one of the capitalist candidates in the Republican primaries.

First the ALP nominated Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin as its own candidate. Then the ALP endorsed Baldwin to run in the Republican pramaries against Frederick Coudert.

The Stalinist strategists who determine ALP policy did not do this through ignorance of Baldwin's views. They knew from the beginning precisely where he stood. Thus Marcantonio, A.L.P. chairman, admitted July 9 that Baldwin "is by no means a laborite or a liberal, but definitely an honest and patriotic conservative." To underline how well they understood that Baldwin is against labor and for the profiteers, they acknowledged he had long been "a sincere defender of free enterprise."

Just to make everything double sure, Baldwin gave the Stalinists fair warning like any honest, conservative rattlesnake, emphasizing July 10 that he "was a Republican who believed the only hope for national liberalism lay in the Republican Party."

Nevertheless, the Stalinist strategists put their label, "Labor-Backed Candidate," on this Wall Street political reptile. They maintained he was a lesser evil, more "progressive" than the other capitalist candidate, Coudert. The Stalinist rank and file dutifully rang doorbells to get out the labor vote for Baldwin.

But the workers saw no reason for participating in a primary of Herbert Hoover's party. By a 5 to 1 vote the Republican machine nailed Baldwin's hide to the wall.

Baldwin's ALP nomination was still good of course.

Baldwin's loyalties, however, belong to Wall Street. With all the viciousness of a rattlesnake that has been stepped on, he struck at the Stalinist strategists who had made a "coalition" with him.

"Under the law," said this Republican "progressive," "there is no way for my name to be taken off the American Labor Party ballot, but I will not, in fact, be a candidate. I urge my many friends . . , not to vote for me, but to cast their votes as they think best for the candidates who, in their opinion, will best represent their views."

Paralyzed by this load of political poison, the **Daily Worker** was only able to gasp seven short despairing words: "One liberal, Rep. Baldwin has been eliminated."

The political moral of this experience is clear. If you don't want to get bitten, don't try to make a "coalition" with a "progressive" rattlesnake.

Veterans' Problems

Oppression Of Negro Veterans

By Alvin Royce

War has been declared on the Negro veteran. Wall Street has been apprehensive about veterans as a whole, but has had to proceed with some caution so as not to antagonize the 14,000,000 vets too abruptly. Against the Negro vets, however, the moneybags have unleashed a campaign of violence. A few items that have reached the press show how widespread this violence is:

January, 1946: Birmingham, Ala. — Four Negro veterans killed in cold blood.

February 5, 1946: Freeport, L. I. — Two Negro vets killed and a third wounded while the policeman goes unpunished, still walking his beat.

February 13, 1946: Aiken, S. C. — Isaac Woodward, three hours out of the Army separation center — his eyes gouged out by a cop.

February 25, 1946: Columbia, Tenn. — Two Negroes, including one vet, killed in a mob invasion of the Negro community after a Negro vet came to the assistance of his mother, who was also assaulted.

July 17, 1946: Taylor County, Ga. — Macio Snipes, Negro vet, dragged from his home and killed by four men, the night following the state primaries. He was the only Negro to vote in Ruppert District.

July 28, 1946: Monroe, Ga. — Negro veteran and his wife, together with another Negro couple, murdered by a mob.

This by no means exhausts the number of such incidents in this land of the "Four Freedoms."

What about the Negro veterans down south who are refused their $20 weekly unemployment allowance because they can get work picking cotton at half that amount? Or how about the million Negro vets who have been denied education? The magazine **Ebony** reports that 13 out of 14 Negroes are refused admittance into trade and vocational schools. The veteran who finds himself homeless and jobless and deprived of educational rights is just as effectively lynched as the veteran who suffers physical attack by a white mob.

The campaign of the capitalist-backed Ku Klux Klan to "put the nigger in his place," must be answered by the labor movement, the veterans and the Negro people.

Campaign To Put SWP On New York Ballot Goes Over Top With 25,000 Signatures

By Karolyn Kerry
Campaign Manager

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—With one week still to go before filing date for independent nominations, the petition campaign to place the Socialist Workers Party ticket on the ballot wound up yesterday in record-breaking style.

Approximately 25,000 workers, poor farmers and small businessmen from all parts of New York State have signed their names to petitions for Farrell Dobbs, SWP candidate for Governor; Milton Richardson for Lieutenant Governor, Joseph Hansen for U. S. Senator, William Kitt for Comptroller and Sylvia Blecker for Attorney General.

The total of almost 25,000 constitutes double the number of signatures required by New York State law. Almost 3,000 signatures were obtained in the final petition rally in the working-class neighborhoods of New York City.

Buffalo reports a total of over 3,000. Mop-up crews of campaign workers in upstate areas brought totals in many counties to the 200 mark. The election statutes require 50 signatures from each of the 62 counties in the state. These totals were secured and exceeded by comfortable margins two weeks ago.

The petition campaign to place the SWP ticket on the N. Y. State ballot for the fall elections this year constitutes a milestone in Trotskyist history. Only the devotion, persistence and fortitude of scores of revolutionists, of innumerable worker friends and militants could conquer the intricate obstacles placed in the way of minority parties getting on the ballot.

To all of them the State Committee extends its deepest thanks for a job well done. Neither intimidation by reactionary forces in the state nor the attacks by the Stalinists, Norman Thomas and others could thwart our campaign. Workers throughout the state greeted our campaign as the only genuine independent working-class campaign conducted by a New York party.

Workers should now be alert to any attempts by reactionary, capitalist elements or their agents to prevent the SWP from exercising its democratic rights in the elections.

Minnesota SWP Candidates Get Wide Publicity

MINNEAPOLIS — Reports received at the Socialist Workers Party campaign headquarters here show an increasing interest in the SWP candidates and program, according to C. K. Johnson, campaign manager. Grace Carlson is the SWP candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota; Warren Creel, for Third District Congressman; Dorothy Schultz, for Fourth District Congressman.

They will be the only labor candidates to run for these offices against the representatives of the Republican and Democratic-Farmer-Labor parties. Because of Minnesota election regulations, the SWP candidates will use the ballot name Revolutionary Workers Party.

News that the SWP candidates had filed by petition on July 31 was reported in all St. Paul and Minneapolis papers. A number of daily and weekly papers in other industrial areas throughout the state, as well as farm communities, have carried accounts of the Socialist Workers Party entry into the fall election

Among these are: **Owatonna Daily Peoples Press, Bell Plaine Herald, Forest Lake Times, New Ulm Daily Journal, Willmar Daily Tribune; Fairmont Daily Sentinel; Stillwater Gazette; Faribault Daily News; New York Mills Herald; Stillwater Evening Gazette; Rochester Daily Post-Bulletin.**

Old Age Pension Fight Backed By SWP Candidates

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20—Charles R. Swett, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senate, and Daniel Roberts, SWP candidate for Washington State Senate, 31st District, today issued the following joint statement.

"The action of Governor Mon C. Wallgren on August 13 rejecting the plea of the old age pensioners who demanded enforcement of the escalator clause in the state pension law, is outrageous. The demand of the old age pensioners is completely legitimate in the face of the wave of soaring prices."

The candidates scored the Governor's "callous and cynical manner" toward the 100 old petitioners who marched on the capitol to present their demands.

"Governor Wallgren's whole tone was one of overbearing rudeness and arrogance. He had the brass to make as his counter-proposal to the old pensioners' demand — that they should help the state 'police' the pension rolls to keep out 'chisellers!'

"Mon C. Wallgren is a Democrat—one of the so-called 'progressives' and 'friends of labor.' His brutal disregard of the needs of the old-age pensioners is only one more indication of how hostile to labor these 'friends' inside the camps of the Republicans or Democrats really are.

"It is one more proof that the SWP slogan calling on the unions to build a Labor Party opposed to the two capitalist parties is correct. Such a Labor Party will champion the interests of the working man and woman

"The election platform of the Socialist Workers Party calls for the enforcement of the escalator clause for old age pensions and for new federal and state legislation providing for old age pension equivalent to full-time pay at trade union wages, to be granted on the basis of age alone.

MEET THE SWP CANDIDATES

William E. Bohannon

Candidate for U S. Congress 11th District, New Jersey

William E. Bohannon was born 33 years ago in Savanah, Georgia. When he was five years old, his mother, hoping to escape from Jim Crow and give her sons a better chance, moved to Newark. Here Bohannon attended public school, but at the age of 16 he was forced to quit school to help provide for his younger brothers.

Bohannon's first job was as a piece-worker in a machine-tool factory. Here the vicious speed-up system taught him how the unorganized workers were at the mercy of the boss.

His earliest memories as a child were of Jim Crow oppression in Georgia. He soon discovered that in the north the lot of the Negro was not substantially better. He recalls how, when he was 16, he was cursed and denied service in a restaurant in Elizabeth, N. J.; and thrown out of theaters in Newark. He found that the Negro faces Jim Crow everywhere.

Bohannon married in 1934. The year 1939 found him jobless, with a wife and two small children. Like millions of others he experienced hunger, unemployment and insecurity.

All of these experiences — speed-up exploitation and low wages; unemployment; Jim Crow in the south, and Jim Crow in the north—were driving Bohannon to seek a fighting solution. His first step was to take an intensely active part in the Unemployed Workers Alliance.

In these struggles of the employed, Bohannon learned the socialist answer to capitalist exploitation and Jim Crow oppression. In 1939 he joined the SWP and threw himself into the work of the Newark Branch. Thereafter he worked in the steel industry, first in Essex Foundry where he served as Secretary of Local 2014 of the United Steel Workers, CIO; then in Crucible Steel where he was one of the most active unionists and shop stewards of Local 2194.

In 1941 he ran as an independent (SWP-sponsored) candidate for Newark City Commission. He helped organize the March on Washington Committee in Newark and has played an active part in anti-discrimination activities.

Now, as SWP candidate for Congress from the 11th District, Bill Bohannon intends to carry the program of the Party, especially the struggle for Negro equality, to the workers of New Jersey.

Charles Swett

Candidate for U. S. Senate From Washington

A veteran, an active trade unionist, and a former teacher, Charles Swett has a varied background to aid him in furthering the struggles of the working class. He is the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Senator from the State of Washington.

Charles Swett attended the University of Washington. Later, as a minister, he taught delinquent children at a church school in Alaska. Always deeply interested in the cause of human advancement, he quickly became disillusioned with the church's inability and lack of desire to probe into the social problems which produced the delinquencies of his young pupils. Charles wanted a practical solution to the burning needs of the workers' families.

After investigating various reformist groups which were masquerading as socialists, Comrade Swett found what he was seeking. He joined the only party capable of building socialism, the only party with a scientific Marxist approach and a correct method of activity. That was the Socialist Workers Party, founded on the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky. He joined the SWP and gave it all his energies and devotion. He became a leading activist of the Seattle branch of the SWP. He altered the course of his life. He learned carpentry and went into industry to fight side by side with the workers in the struggle for socialism.

Comrade Swett is now a member of the AFL carpenters' union. During the war, the capitalist government broadened his experiences still further; he was drafted and saw overseas combat in the U. S. Army. As a civilian once more, he is again in the forefront of the fight for socialism, the only alternative to capitalist oppression and wars.

Charles is married and has a four-month-old daughter.

Next Week: William Kitt and Dorothy Schultz.

NEWARK RALLY PUTS STEAM IN SWP ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 21 — An enthusiastic group of Socialist Workers Party members and friends met here last night to hear the report of the SWP Election Committee and to enroll as campaign volunteers for what will be the party's greatest election campaign in New Jersey.

On behalf of the Election Committee, Alan Kohlman, Newark SWP Organizer and candidate for Governor, outlined the party's election plans. Nominating petitions for the four SWP candidates (Kohlman, George Breitman for U. S. Senator; William E. Bohannon for Congress in the 11th District, and Arlene Phillips for Congress in the 13th Districts, were filed on May 27. In June, the New Jersey Secretary of State notified the SWP that its candidates were on the ballot.

Comrade Kohlman reported the decision to concentrate on a full-scale eight-week campaign from September 5 until Election Day, November 5.

He emphasized the need for a bold campaign: "Read and study the party program on the back page of **The Militant.** It is obvious that our program affords us the opportunity to campaign fully and aggressively. Our program is timely, and it is the only way out. The workers are in the mood to listen to us. We must see to it that we reach tens of thousands with our message."

Comrade Kohlman also emphasized the need to recruit members to the party: "We shall campaign with seriousness and dignity. But we must tell the workers the truth: That the complete fight must be carried on in the elections, and past the elections. We must convince them to support and vote for our program. We must convince the most class-conscious that they must join the party to continue the struggle."

Main election plans call for: (1) the use of a full-time sound truck, which will operate at the factory gates as well as in the workers' neighborhoods; (2) three Sunday afternoon radio broadcasts over Station WPAT; (3) open air and hall meetings in the workers' neighborhoods; (4) a special New Jersey edition of **The Militant** to be distributed throughout the state; (5) three campaign folders to be distributed in tens of thousands.

At the conclusion of the report, SWP members and friends filled out "Campaign Volunteer" forms for nine different types of campaign activity. With this enthusiastic group of Campaign Volunteers, it is assured that the SWP Election Campaign will bring new gains for the party in this state. A campaign fund of nearly $900 has been contributed to start the campaign.

Our Program:

1. **Defend labor's standard of living!**
   - A sliding scale of wages—an escalator wage clause in all union contracts to provide automatic wage increases to meet the rising cost of living!
   - Organize mass consumers committees for independent action against profiteering and price-gouging!
   - Expropriate the food trusts! Operate them under workers' control!

   Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
   - For the 6-hour day, 30-hour week! A sliding scale of hours—reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay to prevent layoffs and unemployment!
   - Government operation of all idle plants under workers' control!
   - Unemployment insurance equal to trade union wages for workers and veterans during the entire period of unemployment!

   Against all anti-labor laws and government strikebreaking!
   - No restrictions on the right to strike and picket!
   - No injunctions! No compulsory arbitration!
4. **Build an independent labor party!**
5. **Tax the rich, not the poor!**
   - Repeal the payroll tax! No sales taxes!
   - No taxes on incomes under $5,000 a year!
6. **An 18 billion dollar appropriation for government low-rent housing!**
7. **Full equality for Negroes and national minorities!**
   - End Jim-Crow! End Anti-Semitism!
8. **For a veterans' organization sponsored by the trade unions!**
9. **A working class answer to capitalist militarism and war.**
   - Take the war-making powers away from Congress! Let the people vote on the question of war or peace!
   - Against capitalist conscription!
   - Abolish the officer caste system!
   - Full democratic rights in the armed forces!
   - Trade union wages for the armed forces!
   - Military training of workers, financed by the government, but under control of the trade unions!
10. **Solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the workers in all lands!**
    - For the complete independence of the colonial peoples!
    - Withdraw all American troops from foreign soil!
11. **For a Workers' and Farmers' Government!**

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